Outcome:
Cluster B will reach the target of serving 3.83% of children ages birth to 3.

So that:
Early intervention services are reaching the children and their families that need those services early enough to achieve the maximum impact.

Strategy update from last quarter:
We hypothesized if physicians prefer to refer to their own clinic, then we need to show the uniqueness of First steps and that for some families may be a better alternative than the clinic setting in order to see an increase in referrals.

The SPOE director had sent a letter to the Director of Noble Parkview Clinic asking for a meeting. Both directors were able to meet on 5/5/15 and discussed collaboration efforts. SPOE will continue to watch the number of referrals from these counties, in hopes of seeing an increase in the future. The SPOE director also met with the Director of the Amish Clinic in Topeka, which also proved to be a valuable networking meeting (as described in Indicator 5).

The LPCC continues to reach primary care physicians, daycares, Early Head Start and Head Start agencies, Healthy Families, DCS offices and WIC clinics providing information on First Steps services. Along with the implantation of the First Steps flyer in the local NICUs and birthing centers, as mentioned in Indicator 5, the LPCC continues to spread the awareness of First Steps services. Scheduled in the next few months are a presentation to Kosciusko County DCS staff (6/19/15) and neighborhood health clinic fair (8/15/15).

LPCC will continue to perform screenings in area daycare centers and Early Head Start programs, in efforts to spread awareness of appropriate milestones and available early intervention services.

This SPOE attained 3 new counties on 5/1/14. Due to the transition of these counties, families and referral sources may not have been immediately aware of the correct contact information for their updated SPOE. Since this change, the LPCC has visited all these counties and provided efficient information. SPOE will continue to monitor these new counties in hopes of an escalation in referrals.

Additional emphasis has been on marketing efforts of the First Steps program. Recently, new items were purchased to expose the First Steps program. These items are branded with the local First Steps website, where an easy online referral can be submitted. These items will be circulated at upcoming community events.

Explanation of Data:
Quarterly data 2.59% (884)

4/1/14-3/31/15- One day child count: 884
Based on the service coordinators caseloads, we continue to be under the target, yet steadily increasing since February 2015.

Strategies (Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):
This SPOE will have 2 new interns beginning in August 2015, who will remain with this SPOE for the entire 2015-2016 school year calendar. One intern will assist primarily with the case management duties, while the other will assist the LPCC with the coordination of the above mentioned screenings. LPCC will track the number of referrals received.
Our Child Find Outreach activities began in January with our new LPCC Coordinator. This SPOE was without and LPCC coordinator from June 30-November 1. The SPOE suspected that this impacted referrals.

List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:
Due to the school year calendar, the new interns will not be able to begin until August.

The most current census data that must be used to in order to calculate the birth population is dated, therefore this may not be reflective of the true birth population to date.

The new target is 300 over the 3% of live birth for our Cluster, if we were to meet this goal we would need additional funds to add more staff, space, equipment and enroll more providers.

Resources needed:

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Explain:
SPOE and LPCC will work with local hospitals to acquire new data to reflect their number of live births for the current calendar year. LPCC will also discuss alternative outreach ideas with other Clusters.
The SPOE will need additional funding from the state to add staff, space, and equipment.
The agencies would need to recruit additional staff
An understanding of the data used to indicate that 3.83% of live births between birth and 3 demonstrate a 20% delay in two or more areas and a 25% in one or more areas of development

Stakeholder Collaboration:
At the most recent Transition Team meeting (5/14/15), LEAs and other community program representatives discussed the need for expanding communication between local programs; to make sure other parties are aware when there is an opportunity to be involved in a local resource fairs and “back to school” events. This will also be addressed at the agency meeting on 6/23/15 in efforts to be present in the community.
At the June 23rd Council meeting the LPCC shared the draft QIPS, all agencies were represented at this meeting.