## Outcome:
At least 1.56% of children under age 1 will be served

| So that: | Children who need early intervention services are identified and begin receiving services early in life |

## Strategy update from last quarter:
1) Director posted ad on Monster. Licensing for PT, OT, and SLP were purchased 03/23/15. Postcards will be mailed by April 30, 2015. Job postings are also available on the FSOSI and BRS website.

2) SLP from Cluster I AT, who was helping to cover Cluster F assessments resigned.

3) Proposal for allowing DT to be one member of the AT for this age group has been written. SPOE Supervisor discussed the proposal and presented DRAFT at the Agency meeting Feb. 10, 2015 and 3 Agency representatives were in agreement this proposal would benefit the areas they serve and their provider enrollment. SPOE Supervisor will discuss Agency input at the next SPOE workgroup April 14, 2015.

3) LPCC Coordinator was hired and started February 23, 2015. LPCC Coordinator will focus on referral source for this age group and visit hospitals, physician groups, attend baby fairs/showers, health departments, WIC, etc.

2) The April SPOE workgroup meeting was cancelled due to a State meeting. It is rescheduled for July 17th. The Utilization of Developmental Therapist on AT and Discipline Specific Assessments will be revisited at this time with new Director, Shirley Huntsman.

3) LPCC Coordinator has been very active in the community since her recent hire. She has distributed First Steps information to local WIC and DCS offices, Health Departments, and Pediatrician offices as well as attending community baby showers, Youth Worker Café and System of Care meetings. LPCC Coordinator will continue to offer/provide training within the community. She also recently devised a “First Steps Referral Guide” outlining the First Steps program and processes. This Guide included a developmental checklist and how to make a referral. The Guide is being distributed to local pediatricians and NICU’s. SPOE continues to track under age 1 referrals.

## Explanation of Data:
Quarterly Data (47/4183, 1.12%):

Since the hire of our LPCC Coordinator, the overall referral numbers for this age group has steadily increased and we anticipate this number to continue to rise.

## Strategies (Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):

If lack of community awareness is the reason for not meeting this target, then we will:

1) LPCC Coordinator will continue to participate in community outreach activities and events. The newly devised First Steps handbook will be distributed to MD offices and agencies by September 30, 2015.
## Referrals for this age group:

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**Evaluation:** Referrals and IFSP’s written for this age group will increase.

## List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:

1. Children within this age group typically are eligible due to motor skill delay and exit the program quickly. This quick turnaround makes it difficult to obtain accurate data with a one day child count.

## Resources needed:

- [ ] State Clarification
- [ ] IIDC
- [ ] Training
- [ ] Mentoring
- [ ] Other: ____________________________

**Explain:**

## Stakeholder Collaboration:

Strategy updates were discussed at the most recent LPCC meeting May 11, 2015. SPOE Supervisor, Manager, LPCC Coordinator and Agency Representative from all 3 Agencies participated in the discussion. The final 2nd Quarter QIPs were given to the LPCC members present at the full Cluster meeting on May 11, 2015.