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| <p>Outcome: Cluster D will meet the target of serving 1.4% of children ages Birth to one</p> | <p>So that: Early intervention services are reaching families and children in need.</p> |
| <p>Explanation of Data: Quarterly Data (1.08 (69) %):</p> <p>In comparison to previous year, the percentage for Birth to One decreased, however the number of children increased. We relate this to the addition of Howard and Cass counties in May 2014.</p> <p>Cluster D is below the target for the percentage of children Birth to One being served. We are currently at 1.08% (69). Cluster D continues to work with the NICU staff and Directors for the areas that we cover. We hypothesize that families who are referred when their child is born, they may be overwhelmed with the information received which may cause them to not respond when Intake Coordinators are making attempts to schedule. We hypothesize that the decrease may have also been affected due to Cluster D having a vacant LPCC position for 7 months. We also hypothesize that referrals made from DCS are not following through with services as a high number of families identified from DCS do not have identified concerns. Referrals from physicians are consistent as our referral source and we will continuously outreach to pediatricians, NICUs, parent groups and community events. On November 6th, the SPOE Director attended the Tippecanoe DCS Team Meeting and came to an agreement with Tippecanoe DCS. Agreement included if the DCS Case manager does not have developmental concerns, they do not have to complete a First Steps referral and can follow up with completing the Ages and Stages. If the Ages and Stages determine areas of concerns, the DCS case manager will follow up with a First Steps referral. This will allow for more effective referrals from DCS. All DCS Case managers are to complete an Ages and Stages prior to a First Steps referral.</p> | <p>Strategies(Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):</p> <p>Cluster D has identified a variety of strategies that may assist with increasing the Birth to One percentage. The LPCC Coordinator and staff will assist with additional outreach to the community for referrals to parents in the Birth to One age group as an additional reminder of our program and the services we provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cluster D staff will work on presentations to DCS staff meetings in major counties within Cluster D to present and discuss the referral process. - Cluster D will communicate and request presentations to WIC and Healthy families staff in our Cluster. - The LPCC Coordinator updated Newborn Hospital Outreach Cards and will be provided to staff at the local hospitals. - Physician packets have been updated and will be provided to the doctors to ensure quality referrals. - NICU and March of Dimes Directors have been invited to attend our sub-committee of the LPCC, Child Find committee to provide insight on how to reach additional families that may be in need of our services. - Cluster D will participate in the upcoming March of Dimes for a 3rd year in a row on April 25th. This year, Cluster D will provide handouts to families and host a development area for families to learn about First Steps prior to and after the walk. - Cluster D participated in a volunteer service with the national organization Project Sweet Peas which involved crafts and organizing welcome bags for families in the local NICUs. Cluster D will continue to work with Project Sweet Peas and their families in the future. |

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| | <p>Effective in February, the LPCC Coordinator and staff will continue the outreach in the identified areas above. The Birth to One population will be evaluated quarterly to ensure the strategies are effective.</p> |
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List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:

NICU Directors have been invited in the past to attend our LPCC Committee but due to scheduling conflicts have been unable to attend. SPOE Director has followed up after the child find meeting and continued to invite NICU Directors. If attending continues to be a barrier, Cluster D representatives will set up a time to visit the NICU Directors for meetings.

Resources needed:

State Clarification
 IIDC
 Training
 Mentoring
 Other: _____

Explain:

Resources needed including mentoring to the providers and coordinators within Cluster D on First Steps information. SPOE Director has created and implemented a First Steps Power Point presentation that is used ensure everyone is providing consistent First Steps information.

Stakeholder Collaboration:

QIP was discussed with the Child Find Committee on January 28th and planning for upcoming First Steps resource fair began.
Will be further discussed at upcoming Child Find Meeting on February 25th and with Intake and Ongoing Service Coordinators at upcoming team meeting on February 11th.
Ongoing collaboration with LPCC Coordinator will continue to address the QIP.