Outcome:
A) At least 55% of children exiting the First Steps system will have substantially increased their rate of growth in appropriate behavior by the time of exit.
B) At least 63% of children exiting the First Steps system will have age appropriate behavior by the time of exit

So that:
They have the foundation to continue learning about the world around them during their early childhood years.

Explanation of Data:
A) Quarterly Data (54.1%): this is a 20.8% increase since March 2014
B) Quarterly Data (60.7%): this is a 8.7% increase since March 2014

All Agencies held training for providers on the use of the APR Child Outcome Skill Inventory. The training was conducted by providers with AEPS experience.

Sycamore Services: 07-08-14
DSI: 05-12-14
Collaborating for Kids: 06-23-14

While the Cluster continues not to meet this indicator, we have made significant gains in both areas. We hypothesize this increase is due to the APR Child Outcome Skill Inventory trainings. We expect this data to continue to increase as providers gain more experience in completing the Inventory. Agencies have enrolled new providers since the trainings and they will need training and support on completing the Inventory accurately.

Strategies (Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):
If newly hired providers need training on the APR Child Outcome Inventory and continuing support, then:

1) Agencies will provide training on the APR Child Outcome Inventory to newly hired staff within 3 months after they start providing services to children.

2) Agencies will review the inventory process at their quarterly provider meetings and provide opportunities for further education as needed.

Evaluation: Agencies will report their trainings at the quarterly Agency Meeting. All providers will gain more knowledge and experience on the APR Child Outcome Inventory and the data will continue to improve.

List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:
1) Providers enrolling at different times: Agencies offering trainings quarterly.
2) Agencies having the time and staff to train new hires effectively.

Resources needed:
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**First Quarter QIP**

|☐ State Clarification | X IIDC | ☐ Training | X Mentoring | ☐ Other: ____________________________ |

**Explain:**

1) Continued education on this topic and the data collection process so providers stay informed on the importance of consistent and accurate completion of the APR Child Outcome Checklist.
2) Michael Conn Powers will present SSIP information at the LPCC meeting Feb. 10\(^{th}\), 2015. Agencies will relay this information to providers at their next provider meeting.

**Stakeholder Collaboration:**

The Local Planning & Coordinating Council met on 11-11-14. The Agencies were all present for this meeting. Agencies reported providers seem more comfortable in the completion of the APR Child Outcome Checklist. SPOE Supervisor emailed agencies for feedback once QIP identified. Management Team reviewed 01-29-15