**Outcome:**
At least 1.4% 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

**Explanation of Data:**
Quarterly Data (48/4183, 1.15%):

Cluster F is below target for the number of children served with an IFSP under 1 year of age.

Cluster F has difficulty meeting this indicator for several quarters. In reviewing the Birth to One tracking log for referrals, a majority of referrals for children under the age of one are made by the primary care physician and parents for gross motor concerns or by DCS as protocol.

- July (27 referrals; 8 MD, 11 DCS, 1 NICU)
- August (20 referrals; 6 MD, 10 DCS, 0 NICU)
- September (27 referrals; 6 MD, 3 DCS, 8 Parent, 2 NICU)
- October (22 referrals; 8 MD, 6 DCS, 7 Parent, 0 NICU)

We hypothesize one explanation for Cluster F not meeting this indicator is: Cluster F has one PT on the assessment team and she works one Saturday a month. This limits our ability to provide timely service to children of this age group. Therefore, we hypothesize families may be seeking clinic/on site services so their child can begin services sooner and avoid First Steps timelines (45 days to determine eligibility and 30 day start).

Another possible explanation is: Cluster F has not had an LPCC Coordinator since April 2014

**List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:**
1) Assessment Team members are required to drive over a large geographical area: SPOE will pay mileage reimbursement if AT member choses the Level III employment. 2) LPCC Coordinator is a part time position requiring driving all 11 counties: SPOE pays mileage reimbursement and hours are flexible.

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

If we are not able to provide services to this age group due to Assessment Team limitations and ongoing provider availability then we will:

1) Increase the number of Assessment Team Members who can assess this age group by posting an ad on Monster and buying licensing for OT, PT, and SLP by the end of March 2015

2) Collaborate with SPOE workgroup by March 2015 to develop a proposal for the State allowing DT be one member of the Assessment Team for babies under the age of 9 months.

If we are not meeting this indicator due to the lack of an LPCC Coordinator then we will:

- Hire an LPCC Coordinator by the end of March 2015

**Evaluation:** Additional Assessment Team members and an LPCC Coordinator will be hired.
**Indiana First Steps Quality Improvement Plan**

*Cluster: F  Quarter Date: 1/1/15 – 3/31/15  Indicator: 5*

**First Quarter QIP**

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**Explain:**

**Stakeholder Collaboration:**
The Child Find Committee and the Local Planning & Coordinating Council both met on 11-11-14. This topic was discussed at both meetings. Discipline Specific proposal will be shared with Agencies once it is available. SPOE Supervisor emailed Agencies for feedback once QIP was identified. Management Team Reviewed 01-29-15