## Outcome:
Cluster D will meet the target of serving 1.4% of children ages Birth to One

## So that:
Early intervention services are reaching families and children in need to minimize potential developmental delays.

## Explanation of Data:
Quarterly Data: 1.12% (55)

Cluster D is below the target for the percentage of children Birth to One being served. We are currently at 1.12% (55).

We hypothesize that our average age of referral needs to drop down since it is currently at 16.1 months of age. Overall our referrals are up including the NICUs but we need to target the younger population.

## Strategies (Who is responsible/timeline/evaluation):
Numerous strategies are continuously being used to ensure that the Cluster will meet this standard. The strategies being used include but not limited to the following:

- Following up from the March of Dimes Walk, SPOE Director will contact the Board of Directors for March of Dimes to collaborate.
- Continued collaboration with all the NICU hospitals
- SPOE will collaborate with the CHIP IN Program upon completion of the Ages and Stages screening at 9 months
- SPOE will collaborate with the Early Head Start Program to present to families and staff on what First Steps has to offer
- 1st Kids presentation has been established to have consistent First Steps information presented to agencies and families

## Evaluation:
- We will track referrals to see if there is an increase
- We will track activities for children under one and monitor for an increase in numbers.

## Timeline:
- The above strategies will be implemented by the end of June.

### List barriers to accomplishing strategies and how to address them:
- Families are overwhelmed with resources after the birth of their child. Cluster will address this by collaborating with local agencies that families are already involved in.
- Families are not aware of First Steps Program. Cluster will address this by collaborating with local agencies that serve the same age group.
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**Resources needed:**

- State Clarification
- IIDC
- Training
- Mentoring
- Other

**Explain:**

- SPOE Director will collaborate with other Directors on how they are meeting this goal.

**Stakeholder Collaboration:**

We met with our Child Find Committee on 3/26/14 and discussed the indicator and how to reach families sooner. We collaborated together on how to educate families of our program as well as how to reach families with children in the Birth to One population. We agreed to attend upcoming County Baby Showers that will allow us to meet with parents who are expecting or recently gave birth. NICU representatives from St. Elizabeth NICU as well as IU Arnett NICU were scheduled to attend the Child Find committee but due to work schedule on day of, were unable to attend. Our Cluster will also participate in the upcoming March of Dimes and work on public awareness to the community we serve. Same information regarding the indicator will be presented at the upcoming LPCC meeting that is scheduled for April 17th. Met with LPCC Committee to brainstorm ideas on how to meet this goal on April 17, 2014.