



Early Intervention Program

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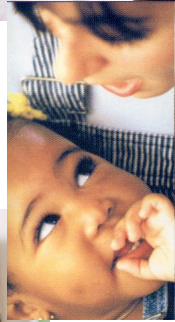
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Early Intervention Program

- **Serves infants and toddlers, birth to 3 years of age, with or at established risk for developmental disabilities or delays**
- **Serves all 100 counties**







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- **Entitlement under Part C of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**
- **Anyone can refer an infant or toddler who is thought to have a developmental delay**



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- **Pediatricians, families, and others refer to the Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA) for their county**





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- **Once a child is referred, CDSA must conduct a developmental evaluation**
- **Eligibility is based on a significant delay or on an established health condition**
- **CDSA is required to provide service coordination for each child referred and/or enrolled**



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- **Examples of services provided through EI program include speech-language therapy, physical therapy, assistive technology**
- **Services are referred to community based providers**
- **If a qualified provider is not available, the CDSA must provide the service**



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- **Services are provided at the child's home, or at the child's child care**
- **No residential services are provided or paid for under the Early Intervention program**



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- **CDSAs coordinate with other programs serving the child; no duplication or overlap**
- **CDSAs develop a transition plan for the child as he or she is leaving the program, often to public school preschool disability program**
- **Services are monitored at local and state levels; multiple federal requirements**

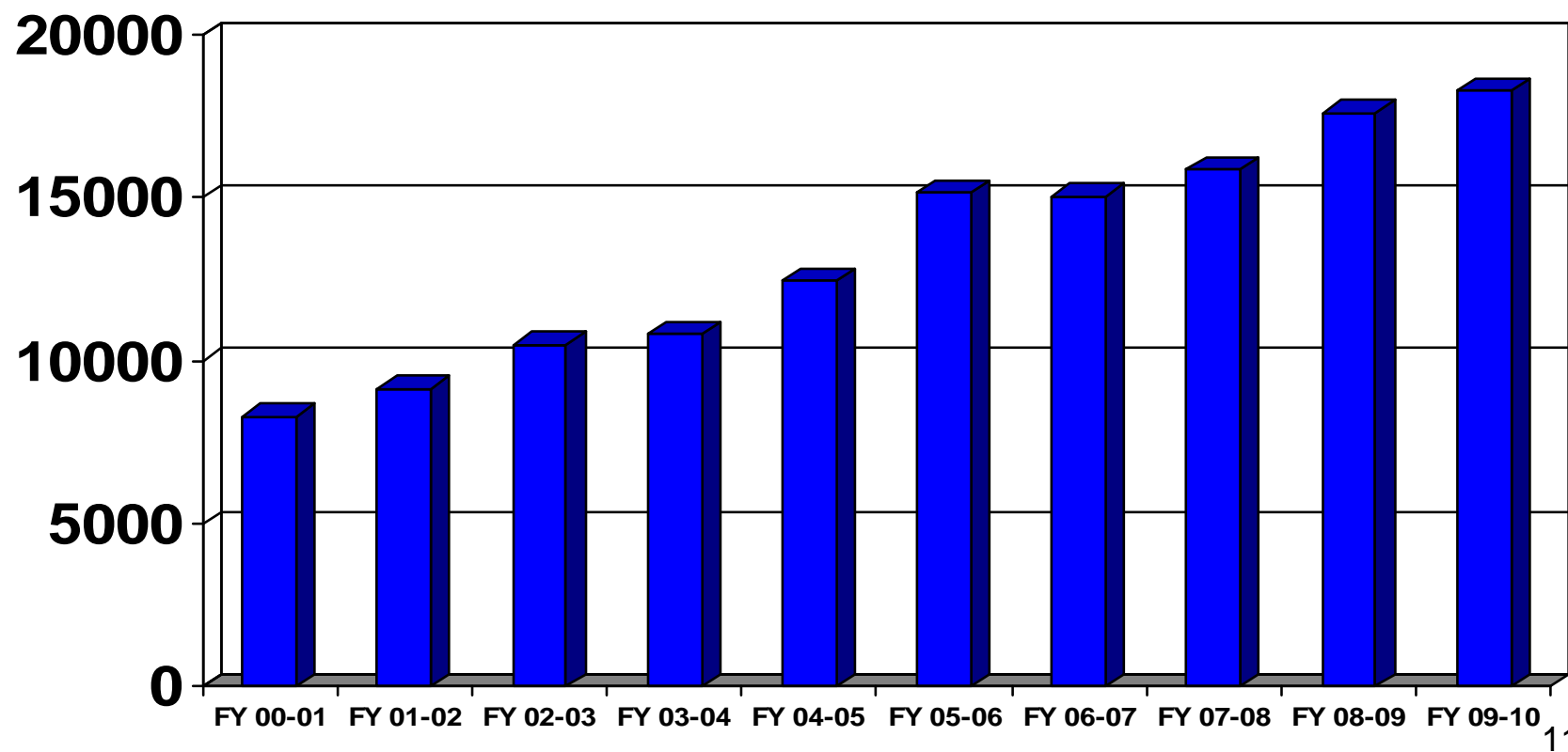


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- **Focused on early identification and early intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities**
- **Key to better results for children and their families**



Children Enrolled by Fiscal Year





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