



Budget

FY08 Expenditures (incurred) for contracted programs

	<i>Net invoices (insurance subtracted)</i>	<i>Includes Supplemental payments of:</i>	<i>Insurance Revenue</i>
July	\$ 2,569,552	\$ 238,840	\$ 300,301
August	\$ 2,728,801	\$ 283,151	\$ 301,542
September	\$ 2,699,845	\$ 214,598	\$ 221,620
October	\$ 2,954,741	\$ 315,502	\$ 229,726
YTD Totals	\$10,952,939	\$1,052,091	\$1,053,189

Parent Fees- FY08

July, 2007	\$63,734	\$57,223	
August	\$60,755	\$54,287	
September	\$64,976	\$58,488	
October	\$61,585	\$55,081	
November	\$61,385	\$54,889	\$279,968YTD

Enrollment – FY07- FY08

	All Programs		<u>Data from invoices Children Served</u>
	<u>Data from data system New Referrals</u>	<u>Data from data system Eligible Children</u>	
July, 2006	614	4,533	4,058
August	688	4,566	4,129
September	683	4,499	3,968
October	684	4,540	4,010
November	696	4,484	3,985
December	555	4,462	3,932
January	810	4,504	3,999
February	704	4,493	3,996
March	859	4,570	4,108
April	768	4,603	4,005
May	864	4,618	4,120
June	710	4,649	4,067
July, 2007	746	4,696	4,201
August, 2007	709	4,784	4,256
September, 2007	702	4,685	4,250
October, 2007	835	4,722	4,268
November, 2007*	698	4,655	Not yet Available

*preliminary figure since programs have until 12/15 to enter data

Each day, the service and support office monitors the names of children waiting for assignment to a program for initial evaluation. As of December 6, 2007:

Region	Number delayed in assignment to programs more than 7 days	Greatest lapse of time from call to Infoline	Town
North	72	73	Putnam
South	118	50	Griswold
West	181	72	Ridgefield

Six agencies were selected to operate autism-specific early intervention programs most of which will begin 1/1/08. Those are:

Easter Seals of Waterbury – First Partners
 ARC Greenwich – Greenwich Autism Program
 Education Connection – TLC Autism Program
 Bilinguals Inc – Achieve Beyond
 TheraCare – Academy for Young Minds
 REM – Rainbow Connection (beginning 4/1/08)

Although we do not have every town in the state covered, we do have 80% of the population of children under age three covered. All six programs will also provide autism assessments for children referred from Birth to Three programs, regardless of where the child lives. All Birth to Three programs will begin screening every child 16 months of age or older using the M-CHAT.

The Children’s Trust Fund will be conducting a small screening study for us January-March, 2008 in the Greater Hartford area. We plan on having 120 children screened using the ASQ and the M-CHAT by the Maternity and Infant Outreach Program of the Hartford Health Dept. This should inform our decision about whether we wish to institute screening statewide when the new Part C regulations are issued.

IDEA

Dispute Resolution Activity FY08

Complaints (one new complaint since October)

One formal written complaint was received mid-July. The complaint alleged that Therapy Solutions failed to provide an appropriate evaluation and subsequent services. The finding was that the program was out of compliance with the IDEA in providing an accurate, appropriate evaluation/assessment of the child’s strengths and needs. The child was transferred to another program where the family is very satisfied. The cost of the evaluation was deducted from the program’s payment and the program implemented an internal quality assurance process for all initial evaluations/assessments.

One formal written complaint was received mid-October. The complaint alleged that CREC Birth to Three was inappropriately “diagnosing” a child as having Asperger’s Disorder, was late in sending paperwork, was inconsistent in how developmental progress was measured, and had eliminated physical therapy services from their child’s IFSP. There were no findings of IDEA noncompliance.

Mediations No mediations have been requested in FY08.

Hearings No hearings have been requested in FY08.

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Meetings

Linda Goodman and Maria Synodi from the Dept. of Education attended a meeting in San Antonio, Texas in which a group of states and TA providers started to draft a document about transition from Part C to Part B.

Anna Gorski, Alice Ridgway, Linda Goodman and Maria Synodi attended the OSEP Early Childhood conference in Washington, DC December 1-5. Alice was a panelist for the Early Childhood Outcomes pre-conference workshop, Linda and Maria presented with the state of Indiana on the topic of transition, and Linda presented on commercial health insurance billing. Anna attended the pre-conference ICC Chairs and Staff meeting.

New Part C regulations are slated for late summer/early fall 2008. There will be an accountability conference in late August, 2008. The next OSEP Early Childhood meeting will be in February 2009.

Quality Assurance

The Annual Performance Report is due to the U. S. Department of Education on February 1, 2008. We have a draft to present to the ICC today.

There will be focused monitoring visits to HARC in December and McLaughlin & Associates in January. Even exemplary programs sometimes receive visits so that we can share best practices with other programs.

Early Childhood Cabinet

The cabinet meets again today (12/10) and met in October and November. We have been participating on the Early Childhood Workforce subcommittee, although their primary concern is staff to teach three and four year olds. There will be an early childhood summit on January 15th using funds from a grant from the National Governor's Association.