



# **Connecticut Birth to Three Annual Data Report**

## **FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)**

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The following programs have been part of the Birth to Three system over the last year. The number of children listed below are those with Individual Family-Service Plans (IFSPs) during the 20/21 Fiscal Year and the number of towns served by each as of 6/30/21.

Program	Children	Number of Towns
Abilis Birth to Three	260	2
American School for the Deaf	60	<i>Statewide</i>
Beacon Services of CT	909	93
Benchmark Infant and Toddler Services	879	3
Building Bridges, LLC	810	25
Cheshire Public Schools - Darcey School	95	4
Children's Therapy Services	347	17
Creative Interventions	897	73
CREC Birth to Three	376	30
CREC Soundbridge	53	36
EASTCONN Birth To Three	388	32
Easter Seal Birth to Three	144	20
EdAdvance Birth to Three	620	38
HARC - Steppingstones	579	15
Project Interact, Inc.	222	9
Reachout, Inc.	310	21
Rehabilitation Associates of Connecticut, Inc.	2026	40
SARAH, Inc. - KIDSTEPS	1346	31
Mentor South Bay	302	17
TheraCare	716	11

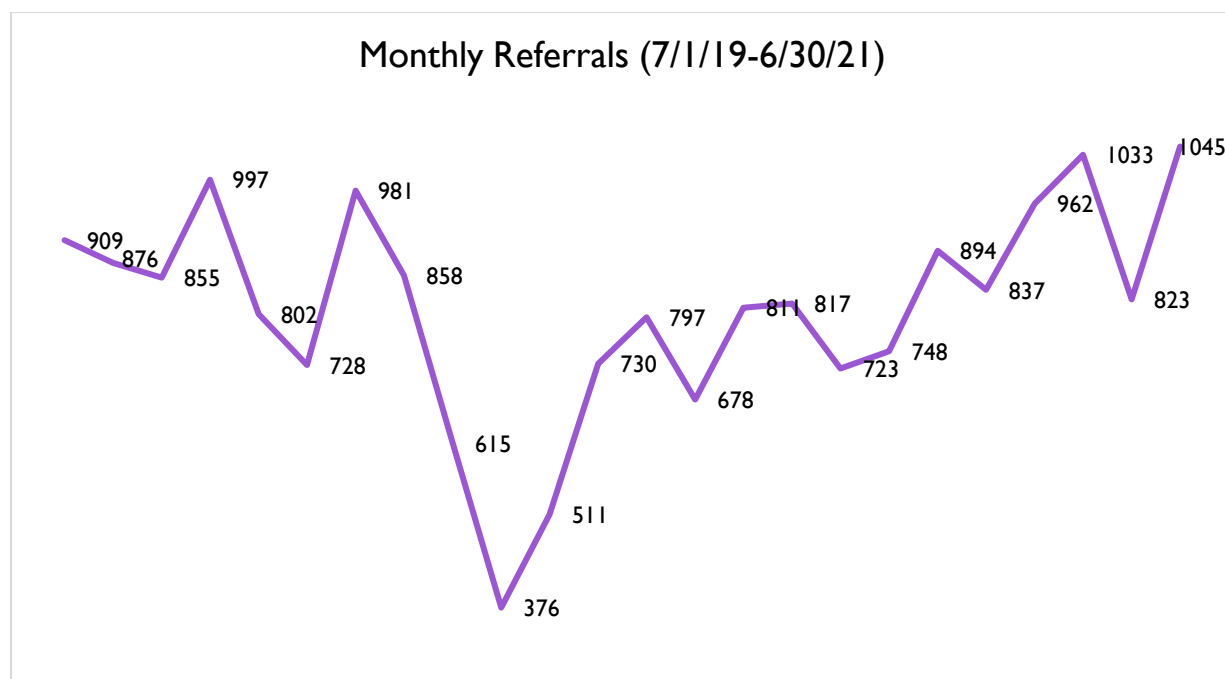
## The Impact of COVID-19

In March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic impacted Connecticut. On March 16, 2020, Connecticut's Birth To Three system, with the collaboration of the systems Medicaid Partners at the Department of Social Services (DSS), instituted an interim Remote Early Intervention (EI) procedure.

Under Executive Order 7DD, Governor Lamont expanded telehealth capabilities, and the Birth to Three providers immediately transitioned to remote services covered under Medicaid and many insurance companies.

Providers quickly trained staff in remote technology, learned new tools and ways to evaluate children for eligibility, and worked with families to identify stressors and the supports available to families during the pandemic. The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) supported families by not collecting the Family Participation Fee during this time.

While Remote EI allowed Birth to Three to continue to support families during the pandemic, it was not without impact. Initially, there was a significant drop in referrals, as outlined in the data chart below. Once Birth to Three personnel began to provide support in person, both families and providers had to adjust to social distancing, mask-wearing, outside visits, and quarantine. Since many preschools and local educational agencies were not evaluating children for Part B services and not seeing children in person, The Connecticut Birth to Three system stepped up and continued to support families whose children turned three from May 21 through the start of the school year over the summer of 2020 after their third birthday.



## **FY21 Celebrations**

Once Birth to Three providers began to provide supports remotely, they soon realized that families were building confidence and competence in helping their child learn and develop while being coached by the early interventionist. Office of Early Childhood recognized remote services as an effective mode of delivery and plan to continue a formal Remote Services procedure once the Executive Orders (EO) expire.

With the support of the legislative leaders and the Governor, PA 21-46 was enacted on July 1, 2021. PA21-46 an act Concerning Social Equity and the Health and Safety, and Education of Children, eliminated all Family Cost Participation fees and gave parents with children enrolled in the system turning three during the summer months, a choice to either continue Birth to Three supports until school started in the fall or transition to the Local Education Agency (LEA). Eligible children have a birthday after May 1 and through the start of the child's local districts school year. These changes support families during the pandemic and well into the future.

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds were used to work with families to obtain and use technology. All families that needed a Chrome book with internet access for Birth to Three services were given one!

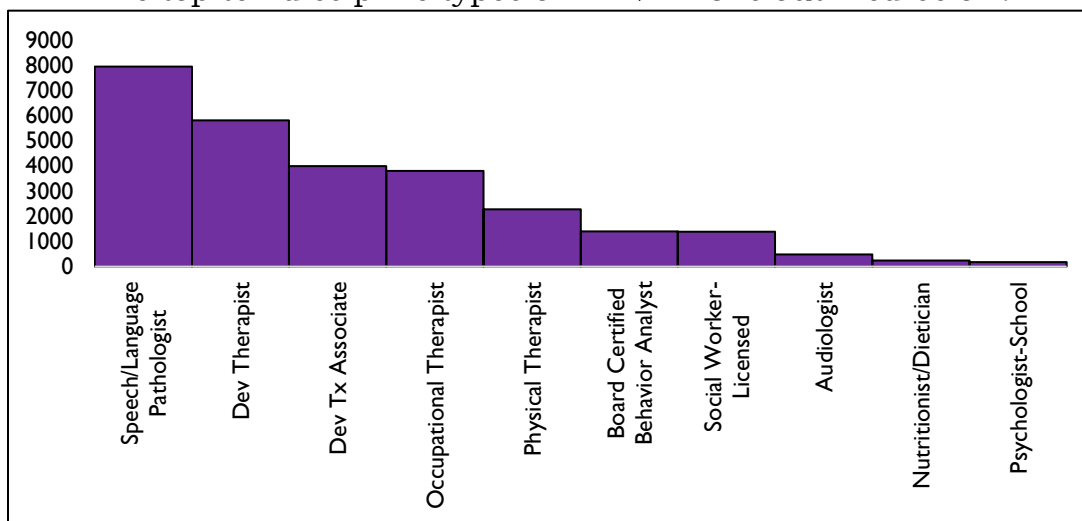
Connecticut's Birth to Three system remains dedicated to the optimal development of infants and toddlers. Early identification and supporting families who have children with a diagnosis that has a high likelihood of developmental delay or children who have a developmental delay of -2 SD in one area or -1.5 in two of the five areas of development is one of the most important priorities. The charts below show the percent of children with IFSP's in Connecticut on 12/1 compared to the national average, broken out by 0-1 and 0-3.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Census 0-3</i>	<i>Eligible Children 0-3</i>	<i>Percent of Census</i>
12/1/2015	110,667	4726	4.3%
12/1/2016	110,100	4804	4.4%
12/1/2017	108,539	4944	4.6%
12/1/2018	107,782	5830	5.4%
12/1/2019	107,782	5320	4.6%
12/1/2020	106,513	5079	4.8%

## Where are the supports provided?

Each provider who supports families throughout the State of Connecticut are dedicated professionals who provide Early Intervention in the home or community setting where children without disabilities typically participate. In FY21, 99% of our children received supports in their home or community setting. This is essential in providing parents the support they need to advocate for their child and describe their child's needs. Evidence-based practices within an activity-based teaming are imperative. Best practice should be to provide supports in those familiar places where the family spends their time. Supports in the natural learning environment offers unique opportunities for the Early Interventionist to support the family in their Natural Learning Environment.

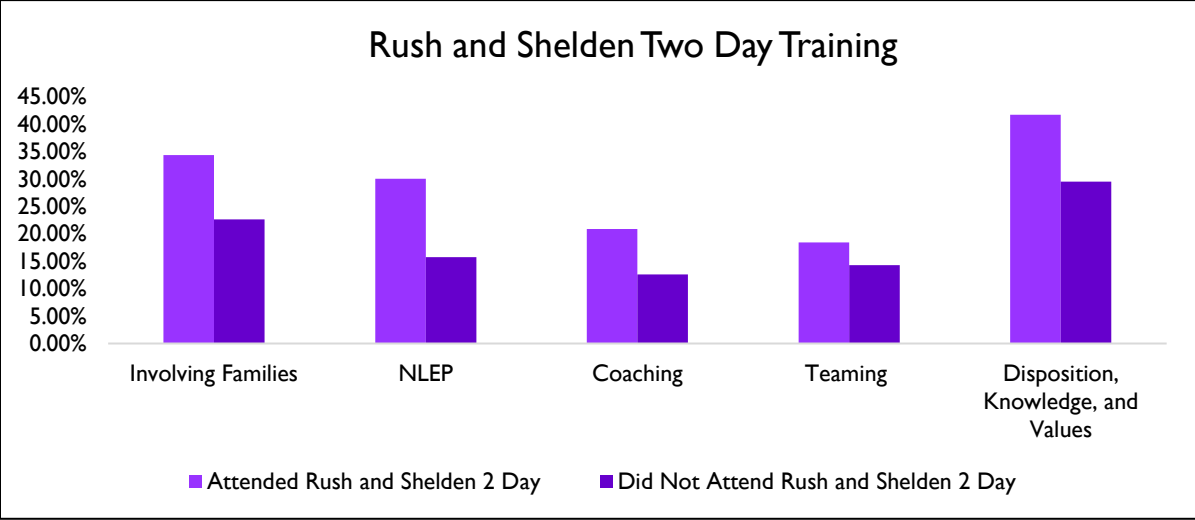
The top ten discipline types on FY21 IFSPs outlined below:



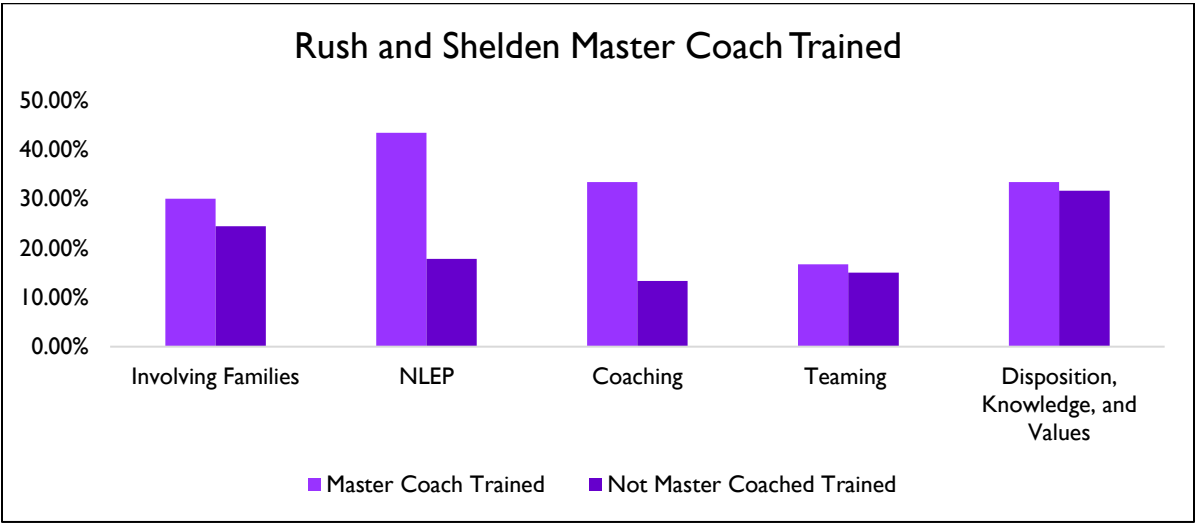
## Quality Practices Self-Assessment (QPSA)

In the summer of 2021, Connecticut collected professional development data using a Quality Practices Self-Assessment (QPSA). 614 practitioners completed the self-assessment representing each discipline working in Connecticut's Birth to Three System. Preliminary results indicated that those who have completed the training provided by Rush and Shelden and received coaching rated themselves across the practices at a much higher rate than those who did not go through the training.

Of those who participated in the survey, 166 attended Rush and Shelden’s two-day training, and 448 did not participate in the training.

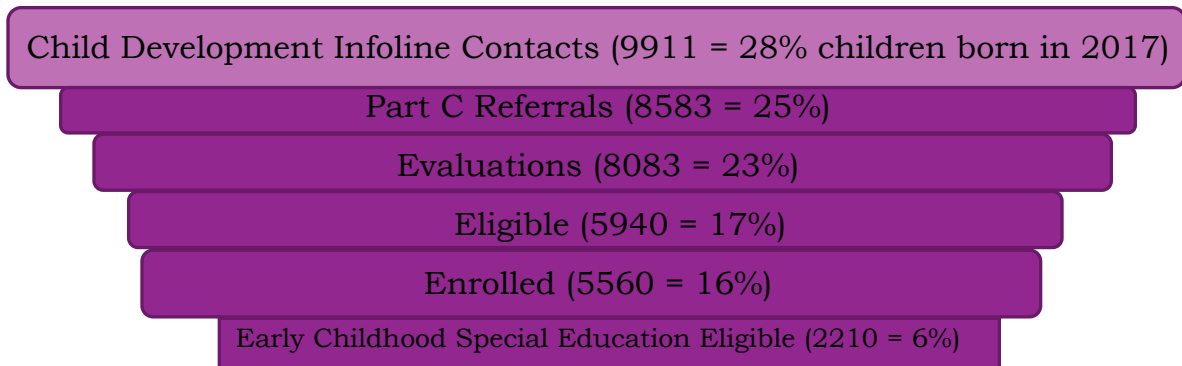


Of those who participated in the survey, 28 attended Rush and Shelden’s master coach training, and 586 did not participate the training.

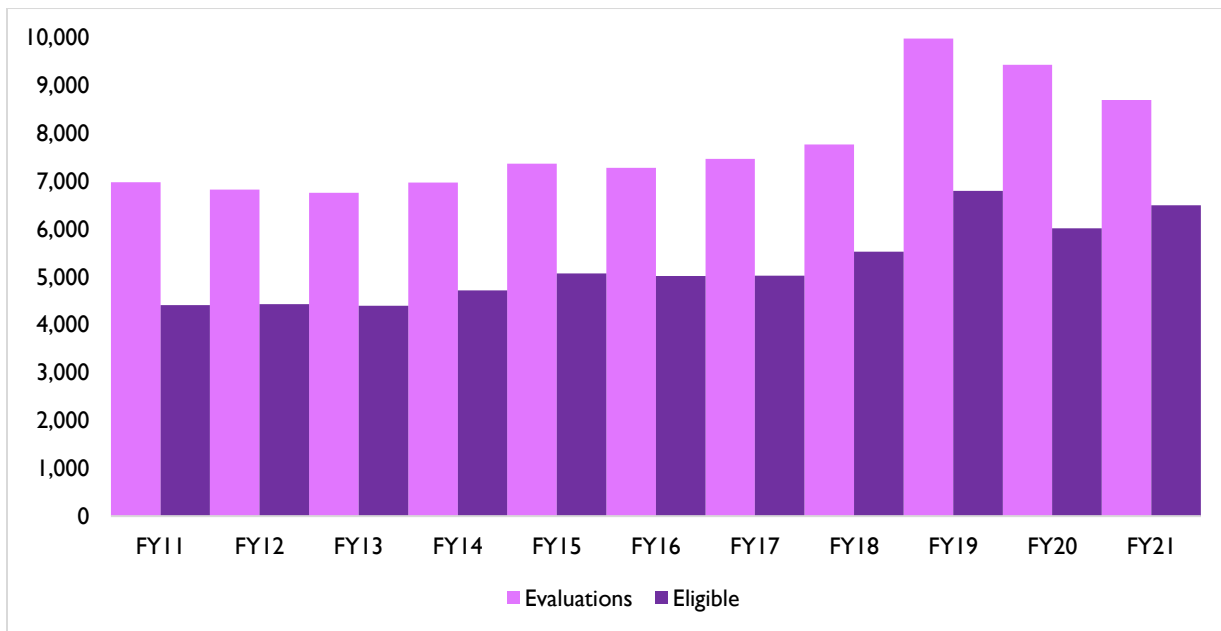


## Birth Cohort Data

Birth cohort data looks at data for all children born during a given calendar year. It provides insight into how early intervention touches the lives of 13% of the families in Connecticut. This report reflects the 2017 birth cohort or all children born between 1/1/17 and 12/31/17 who turned three in the calendar year 2020.



In FY21, eligibility evaluations were completed for 8695 children, and the families of 6492 were determined eligible for Birth to Three supports. Over the last ten years, evaluation and eligible children have increased.





The families of 487 children were eligible for Birth to Three supports based on a diagnosis. The five ten diagnosis being:

14% Prematurity

13% Brain and spinal cord injuries and malformations

13% Autism

13% Deafness/Hard of Hearing

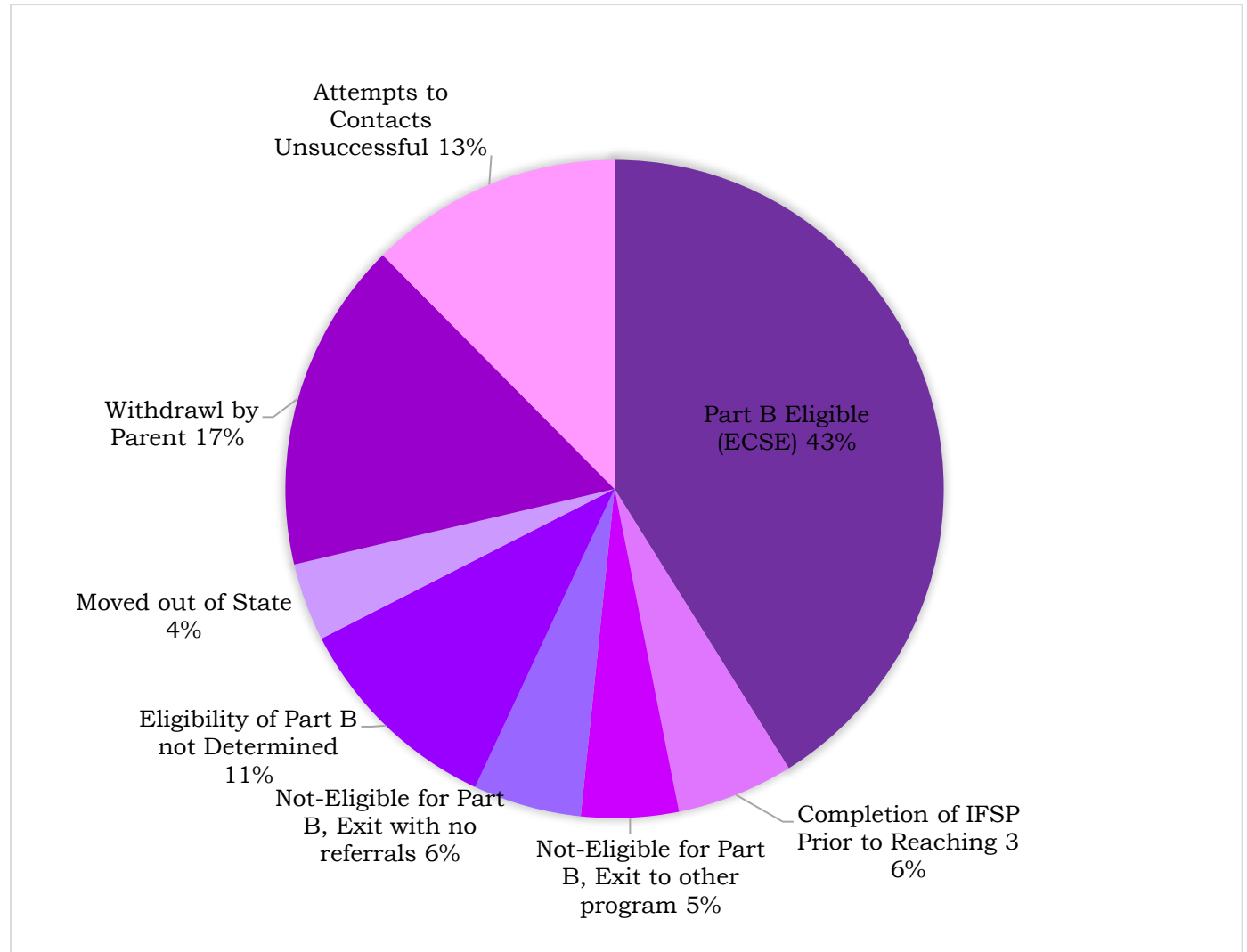
7% Speech Sound Disorders/Childhood Apraxia

Connecticut remains committed to supporting families in their native language with the use of staff who speak the native language and interrupters. In FY21, the system supported families who speak 42 different languages. Below are FY21's top ten languages spoken in the household.

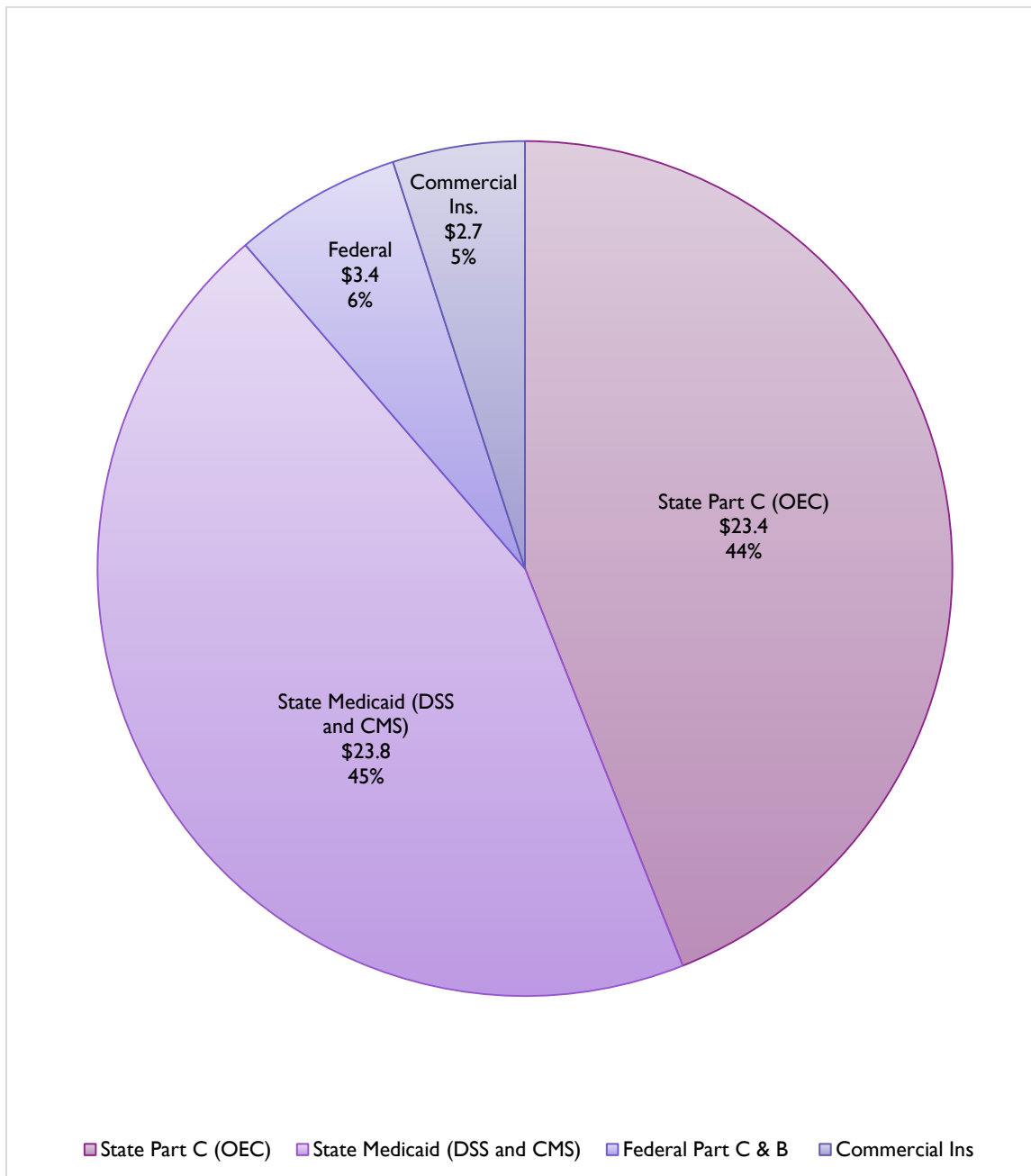
Language in Home	Count of Children
English	7965
Spanish	1484
Portuguese	124
Arabic	69
Creole	50
Urdu	30
Bengali	27
Hindi	27
Albanian	25
Gujarati	25

## During FY21 5673 Children Exited Birth to Three

*\*ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education*



**FY21 Actuals 53.3 Million**



*\*State Medicaid accounts for \$11.9 million and CMS Medicaid accounts for \$11.9 million.*

**Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Birth to Three System FY21 Monthly Enrollment Data**

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>Calls to 211CD</b>	962	812	955	985	902	919	1059	1012	1193	1281	1008	1302
Percent compared to CY2019 average (1113)	86%	73%	86%	88%	81%	83%	95%	91%	107%	115%	91%	117%
<i>Families declining the referral to B23<sup>1</sup></i>	165	134	144	168	179	171	163	174	230	245	185	255
Percent compared to CY2019 average (199)	83%	67%	72%	84%	90%	86%	82%	87%	116%	123%	93%	128%
Percent of calls to 211CD (CY2019 average was 17%)	17%	17%	15%	17%	20%	19%	15%	17%	19%	19%	18%	20%
<b>Referrals to Birth to Three</b>	797	678	811	817	723	748	894	837	963	1033	823	1045
Percent compared to CY2019 average (913)	87%	74%	89%	89%	79%	82%	98%	92%	105%	113%	90%	114%
<i>Families declining eligibility evaluations<sup>2</sup></i>	80	88	82	105	98	89	82	104	93	104	78	99
Percent compared to CY2019 average (67)	119%	131%	122%	157%	146%	133%	122%	155%	139%	155%	116%	148%
Percent of B23 referrals (CY2019 average was 7%)	10%	13%	10%	13%	14%	12%	9%	12%	10%	10%	9%	9%
<b>Initial Eligibility Determinations</b>	626	631	655	749	655	668	678	708	870	777	802	875
Percent compared to CY2019 average (843)	73%	74%	77%	88%	77%	78%	79%	83%	102%	91%	94%	102%
<b>Determined to be Eligible</b>	473	448	492	565	491	496	523	534	669	558	613	631
Percent compared to CY2019 average (570)	83%	79%	86%	99%	86%	87%	92%	94%	117%	98%	108%	111%
Percent Eligible	76%	71%	75%	75%	75%	74%	77%	75%	77%	72%	76%	72%
Percent compared to CY2019 average (68%)	8%	3%	7%	7%	7%	6%	9%	7%	9%	4%	8%	4%
<i>Families leaving Part C in the month before an initial IFSP meeting<sup>3</sup></i>	29	50	36	38	34	50	36	36	39	29	41	42
Percent compared to CY2019 average (55)	53%	91%	65%	69%	62%	91%	65%	65%	71%	53%	75%	76%
Percent of B23 those eligible (CY2019 average was 10%)	6%	11%	7%	7%	7%	10%	7%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
<b>Initial IFSP meeting held during the month</b>	432	412	429	513	455	472	482	465	599	551	525	555
Percent compared to CY2019 average (516)	84%	80%	83%	99%	88%	91%	93%	90%	116%	107%	102%	108%
<i>Families leaving Part C after the initial IFSP meeting but before EITS<sup>3</sup></i>	13	20	21	14	19	10	17	14	13	15	12	14
Percent compared to CY2019 average (15)	87%	133%	140%	93%	127%	67%	113%	93%	87%	100%	80%	93%
Percent of all Exits	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%

**Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Birth to Three System FY21 Monthly Enrollment Data**

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>Eligible children who received an EITS in the month</b>	4734	4751	4434	4549	4542	4623	4716	4810	5072	5079	4888	4859
Percent compared to CY2019 average (5177)	91%	92%	86%	88%	88%	89%	91%	93%	98%	98%	94%	94%
Average hours per child per month	6.4	5.6	6.0	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.4	6.0	5.5	4.9	5.2
Percent compared to CY2019 average (7.3)	87%	76%	83%	83%	75%	78%	76%	74%	82%	75%	67%	71%

<b>Eligible children with an ASD who received an EITS in the month</b>	551	550	528	515	515	532	547	576	632	606	577	601
Percent compared to CY2019 average (676)	82%	81%	78%	76%	76%	79%	81%	85%	93%	90%	85%	89%
Average hours per child per month	18.3	15.8	17.0	17.2	15.7	16.2	14.5	14.1	15.0	13.9	11.7	12.1
Percent compared to CY2019 average (24.9)	73%	63%	68%	69%	63%	65%	58%	56%	60%	56%	47%	49%

<b>Eligible children without an ASD who received an EITS in the month</b>	4183	4201	3906	4034	4027	4091	4169	4234	4440	4473	4311	4258
Percent compared to CY2019 average (4529)	92%	93%	86%	89%	89%	90%	92%	93%	98%	99%	95%	94%
Average hours per child per month	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.7	4.3	4.0	4.2
Percent compared to CY2019 average (4.7)	102%	91%	98%	98%	89%	94%	93%	90%	100%	92%	85%	89%

<b>Children in families who exited before age 3<sup>3</sup></b>	262	328	251	225	186	199	201	206	207	177	211	210
Percent compared to CY2019 average (224)	117%	146%	112%	100%	83%	89%	90%	92%	92%	79%	94%	94%

<b>Children in families who exited at age 3<sup>4</sup></b>	358	398	265	319	272	267	271	240	303	254	255	172
Percent compared to CY2019 average (322)	111%	124%	82%	99%	84%	83%	84%	75%	94%	79%	79%	53%

<b>Children in Families who exited at age 3 as eligible for Part B</b>	196	235	161	204	179	177	181	158	210	181	189	87
Percent compared to CY2019 average (225)	87%	104%	72%	91%	80%	79%	80%	70%	93%	80%	84%	39%

All counts are counts of cases and include may include referrals within 45 days of age 3.

- 1) includes parent declined, referred to LEA, DCF no concerns and unable to contact
- 2) includes parent declined, moved out of CT, deceased and unable to contact
- 3) EITS stands for Early Intervention "Treatment" Services vs EIS (also evaluations, assessments, and IFSP meetings)
- 3) includes parent withdrew, moved out of CT, deceased and unable to contact
- 4) includes eligible for Part B, not eligible, and eligibility not determined/LEA not included

### **Town-by-Town Data**

A town-by-town breakdown of children who received supports throughout FY21 can be found on [ctdata.org](http://ctdata.org). Suppressed data provided for towns with five or fewer children to protect confidentiality. Birth to Three has collaborated with the CT Data Collaborative, and additional data is located on [ctdata.org](http://ctdata.org)

**Note:** Children can be referred at birth and remain in the system until age three. Therefore, the number of eligible children and IFSP can be larger than children referred to Birth to Three in the fiscal year.

<b>Town</b>	<b>Referrals FY21</b>	<b>Evaluation FY21</b>	<b>Eligible FY21</b>	<b>IFSP FY21</b>
ANDOVER	7	<6	<6	6
ANSONIA	54	36	36	70
ASHFORD	<6	11	<6	7
AVON	35	21	30	50
BARKHAMSTED	<6	<6	<6	<6
BEACON FALLS	17	11	8	14
BERLIN	37	20	26	57
BETHANY	11	8	6	10
BETHEL	62	46	41	86
BETHLEHEM	<6	<6	<6	<6
BLOOMFIELD	47	30	34	54
BOLTON	8	6	<6	15
BOZRAH	10	<6	8	14
BRANFORD	51	33	33	59
BRIDGEPORT	547	365	335	666
BRIDGEWATER	<6	<6	<6	<6
BRISTOL	211	135	139	243
BROOKFIELD	36	21	17	39
BROOKLYN	20	11	16	35
BURLINGTON	22	14	14	26
CANAAN	<6	<6	<6	<6
CANTERBURY	16	10	10	21
CANTON	21	9	10	31
CHAPLIN	6	<6	<6	<6
CHESHIRE	50	29	30	55
CHESTER	<6	<6	<6	<6
CLINTON	36	17	23	33
COLCHESTER	51	33	33	62
COLEBROOK	<6	<6	<6	<6
COLUMBIA	12	<6	11	16
CORNWALL	<6	<6	<6	<6
COVENTRY	35	23	20	32
CROMWELL	22	14	18	30
DANBURY	297	163	195	350
DARIEN	81	43	44	69
DEEP RIVER	<6	<6	<6	8
DERBY	43	22	29	43
DURHAM	12	13	8	18
EAST GRANBY	14	14	8	13
EAST HADDAM	14	12	9	17
EAST HAMPTON	19	20	11	32
EAST HARTFORD	189	116	145	246
EAST HAVEN	78	63	57	107

<b>Town</b>	<b>Referrals FY21</b>	<b>Evaluation FY21</b>	<b>Eligible FY21</b>	<b>IFSP FY21</b>
EAST LYME	30	26	19	34
EAST WINDSOR	26	22	19	32
EASTFORD	<6	<6	<6	<6
EASTON	23	10	13	25
ELLINGTON	38	23	18	35
ENFIELD	113	88	70	131
ESSEX	7	<6	6	6
FAIRFIELD	133	101	81	145
FARMINGTON	46	35	36	61
FRANKLIN	<6	<6	<6	<6
GLASTONBURY	86	43	60	80
GOSHEN	9	<6	6	8
GRANBY	23	12	14	21
GREENWICH	168	131	77	139
GRISWOLD	45	13	32	54
GROTON	118	69	85	143
GUILFORD	39	28	26	42
HADDAM	18	10	8	15
HAMDEN	132	84	86	161
HAMPTON	8	<6	<6	<6
HARTFORD	591	369	387	608
HARWINTON	10	<6	8	15
HEBRON	15	9	12	21
KENT	8	<6	<6	8
KILLINGLY	64	39	40	71
KILLINGWORTH	11	12	7	16
LEBANON	11	10	7	12
LEDYARD	38	28	29	58
LISBON	11	10	6	17
LITCHFIELD	7	<6	<6	8
LYME	<6	<6	<6	<6
MADISON	37	26	27	46
MANCHESTER	199	118	136	211
MANSFIELD	16	16	11	24
MARLBOROUGH	16	9	9	19
MERIDEN	213	135	164	296
MIDDLEBURY	14	6	8	13
MIDDLEFIELD	<6	<6	<6	<6
MIDDLETOWN	132	67	92	138
MILFORD	91	57	61	120
MONROE	53	28	35	61
MONTVILLE	41	26	30	52



<b>Town</b>	<b>Referrals FY21</b>	<b>Evaluation FY21</b>	<b>Eligible FY21</b>	<b>IFSP FY21</b>
MORRIS	9	<6	7	9
NAUGATUCK	83	64	56	105
NEW BRITAIN	323	178	213	381
NEW CANAAN	37	28	17	40
NEW FAIRFIELD	33	28	15	26
NEW HARTFORD	6	8	<6	7
NEW HAVEN	457	309	292	513
NEW LONDON	77	57	60	91
NEW MILFORD	72	35	45	74
NEWINGTON	77	47	54	91
NEWTOWN	69	39	47	83
NORFOLK	<6	<6	<6	<6
NORTH BRANFORD	30	11	24	44
NORTH HAVEN	59	42	38	61
NORTH STONINGTON	11	8	<6	9
NORWALK	303	203	164	300
NORWICH	137	92	92	149
OLD LYME	21	9	9	16
OLD SAYBROOK	8	7	<6	12
ORANGE	28	15	22	32
OXFORD	25	17	14	20
PLAINFIELD	42	32	22	47
PLAINVILLE	49	23	32	56
PLYMOUTH	29	21	13	30
POMFRET	10	<6	<6	<6
PORTLAND	35	17	22	38
PRESTON	11	6	7	16
PROSPECT	20	16	12	18
PUTNAM	24	10	19	42
REDDING	22	12	12	17
RIDGEFIELD	52	51	29	54
ROCKY HILL	50	32	37	46
ROXBURY	<6	<6	<6	<6
SALEM	9	6	<6	12
SALISBURY	<6	<6	<6	<6
SCOTLAND	<6	<6	<6	<6
SEYMOUR	35	22	18	41
SHARON	<6	<6	<6	<6
SHELTON	74	53	50	74
SHERMAN	<6	7	<6	<6
SIMSBURY	67	24	38	68
SOMERS	28	14	17	24

<b>Town</b>	<b>Referrals FY21</b>	<b>Evaluation FY21</b>	<b>Eligible FY21</b>	<b>IFSP FY21</b>
<i>SOUTH WINDSOR</i>	78	38	57	90
<i>SOUTHBURY</i>	35	21	11	22
<i>SOUTHINGTON</i>	117	61	66	100
<i>SPRAGUE</i>	<6	6	<6	7
<i>STAFFORD</i>	25	19	14	27
<i>STAMFORD</i>	448	267	269	445
<i>STERLING</i>	<6	<6	<6	9
<i>STONINGTON</i>	15	13	9	19
<i>STRATFORD</i>	146	100	91	154
<i>SUFFIELD</i>	30	19	24	46
<i>THOMASTON</i>	13	<6	11	16
<i>THOMPSON</i>	13	15	6	27
<i>TOLLAND</i>	37	16	21	39
<i>TORRINGTON</i>	103	49	65	117
<i>TRUMBULL</i>	118	53	74	126
<i>UNION</i>	<6	<6	<6	<6
<i>VERNON</i>	86	50	58	103
<i>VOLUNTOWN</i>	8	9	<6	<6
<i>WALLINGFORD</i>	111	70	77	135
<i>WARREN</i>	<6	<6	<6	<6
<i>WASHINGTON</i>	<6	<6	<6	<6
<i>WATERBURY</i>	469	311	308	573
<i>WATERFORD</i>	42	27	27	56
<i>WATERTOWN</i>	50	34	29	50
<i>WEST HARTFORD</i>	166	112	105	185
<i>WEST HAVEN</i>	179	103	128	222
<i>WESTBROOK</i>	<6	6	<6	7
<i>WESTON</i>	21	15	13	26
<i>WESTPORT</i>	57	46	36	66
<i>WETHERSFIELD</i>	83	40	51	84
<i>WILLINGTON</i>	19	6	12	16
<i>WILTON</i>	47	41	17	30
<i>WINCHESTER</i>	20	11	11	16
<i>WINDHAM</i>	102	67	64	115
<i>WINDSOR</i>	63	50	46	67
<i>WINDSOR LOCKS</i>	33	13	27	43
<i>WOLCOTT</i>	34	18	19	40
<i>WOODBIDGE</i>	20	13	13	19
<i>WOODBURY</i>	18	7	9	19
<i>WOODSTOCK</i>	17	19	14	28
<i>Total</i>	10,169	8,694	6,584	11,395

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