



Iowa’s Early ACCESS State Performance Plan (SPP) 2020-2025

Purpose

- Review Early ACCESS SPP data - historical to present (indicator data)
- Share recommendations for targeted outcomes in 2020 to 2025 (targets)
- Discuss initiatives and strategies to reach targeted outcomes (improvement activities)
- Provide input and feedback on Iowa’s plan for 2020-2025

Improvement Activities

- What is helping us reach our targeted outcomes?
- What is keeping us from reaching our targeted outcomes?
- What future activities could help us reach our targeted outcomes?

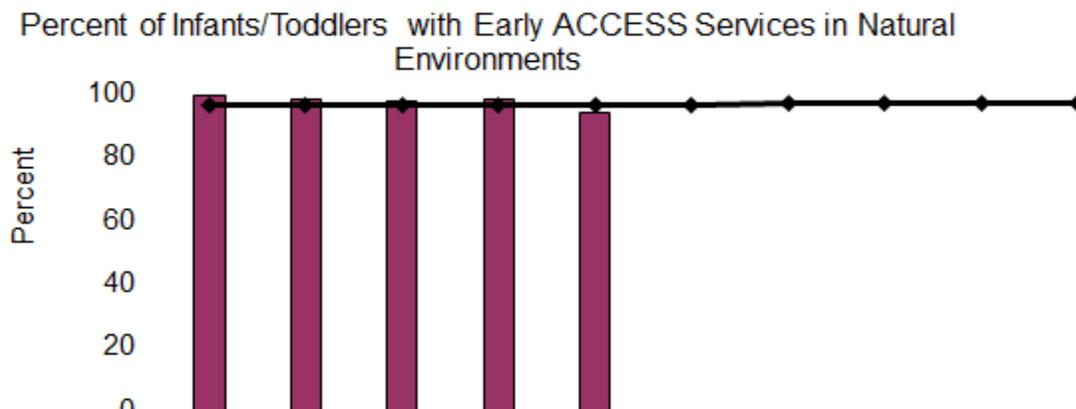
Results Indicators

The following information provides data on the IDEA Part C Early ACCESS results indicators, which Iowa establishes targets based upon baseline data, trend analysis, and stakeholder input.

Results Indicator 2: Natural Environments

Percent of Infants and Toddlers with IFSPs who Primarily Receive Early Intervention Services in the Home or Community-Based Setting.

Historical Data and Future Targets



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
State Percentage	99.07	98.39	97.76	98.29	93.99					
Total Number	3,004	2,920	3,038	3,215	2,428					
Target	96.60	96.60	96.60	96.60	96.60	96.60	96.64	96.68	96.72	96.76

Current Improvement Activities

- Use of Family Guided Routines Based Interventions (FGRBI) to support families and caregivers (video example: [A Home Visit with Kiyah's Family](#)).
- Use of virtual services, when appropriate.

Considerations for Future Improvement Activities

- Maintain Early ACCESS grantee and provider awareness of considerations for natural environments.

Results Indicator 4: Family Outcomes

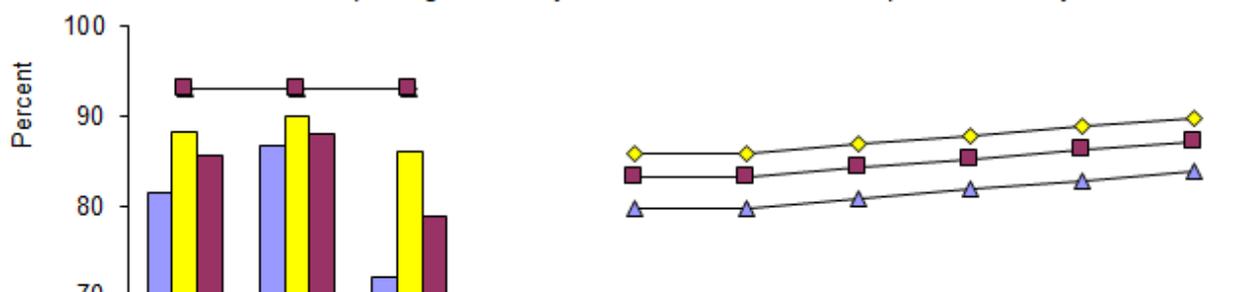
Percent of families participating in Part C (*Early ACCESS*) who report that early intervention services have helped the family:

- A. Know their rights;
- B. Effectively communicate their children’s needs; and
- C. Help their children develop and learn.

Historical Data and Future Targets

- Current baseline was established in 2005-2006 (FFY 05) as 4A(89.9), 4B(89.2), and 4C(90.5).
- Propose setting a new baseline from 2014-15 data given new instruments, sampling, and methods.
- Data not collected in 2019-2020 (FFY19) due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Set targets for FFY20 and ‘21 at proposed baseline; add average positive change (1%) for all three outcomes (A, B, C) each year thereafter.

Percent of Families Reporting that Early Intervention Services Helped the Family



	2016 2017	2017 2018	2018 2019	2019 2020	2020 2021	2021 2022	2022 2023	2023 2024	2024 2025	2025 2026
A. Know their rights	81.45	86.75	72.05							
B. Effectively communicate their child's needs	88.19	90.06	86.02							
C. Help their child develop and learn	85.54	87.95	78.88							
Target A	93.00	93.00	93.00		79.84	79.84	80.84	81.84	82.84	83.84
Target B	93.00	93.00	93.00		85.86	85.86	86.86	87.86	88.86	89.86
Target C	93.00	93.00	93.00		83.25	83.25	84.25	85.25	86.25	87.25

Current Improvement Activities

- Study and analyze current collection tools and methods.

Considerations for Future Improvement Activities

- Propose a task team to develop a new collection tool.
- Collect survey data in Iowa’s new IDEA data system, ACHIEVE.
- Provide document access to families through a family portal in ACHIEVE.

Results Indicator 5: Child Find, Birth to One

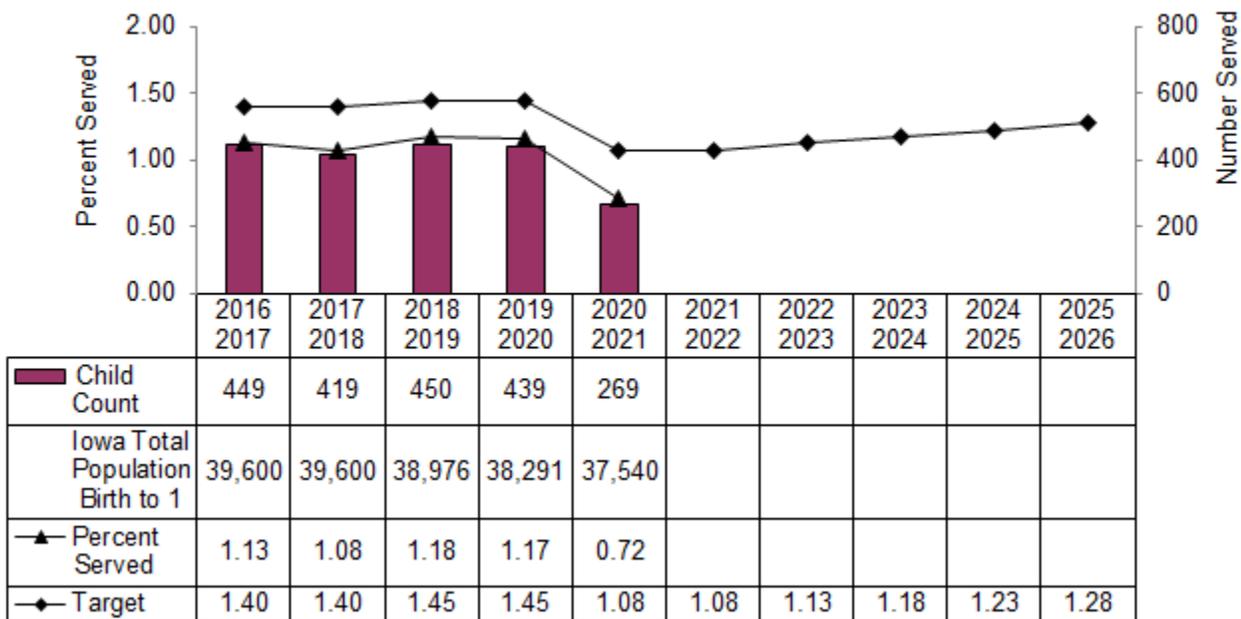
Percent of Infants and Toddlers, birth to one, with IFSPs.

- $Percent = [(\# \text{ of birth to 1 with IFSPs}) \text{ divided by the } (\text{population of birth to 1})] \text{ times } 100.$

Historical Data and Future Targets

- Current baseline (1.12%) was established in 2004-2005 (FFY 04).
- Propose setting new baseline from 2017-18 data (FFY 17) due to procedural clarifications regarding eligibility for Early ACCESS; defining parameters for prematurity as a diagnosed condition and foster care placement was not a diagnosed condition.
- Data indicate a decline in child count, potentially a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Compared to national child count, Iowa is ranked in the middle of states with similar eligibility criteria.
- Set targets for FFY20 and 21 at proposed baseline, adding the previous targets' rate of increase (0.05%) to each year thereafter.

Number and Percent of Infants Birth to One with IFSPs



Current Improvement Activities and Considerations for Future Improvement Activities

See Results Indicator 6

Results Indicator 6: Child Find, Birth to Three

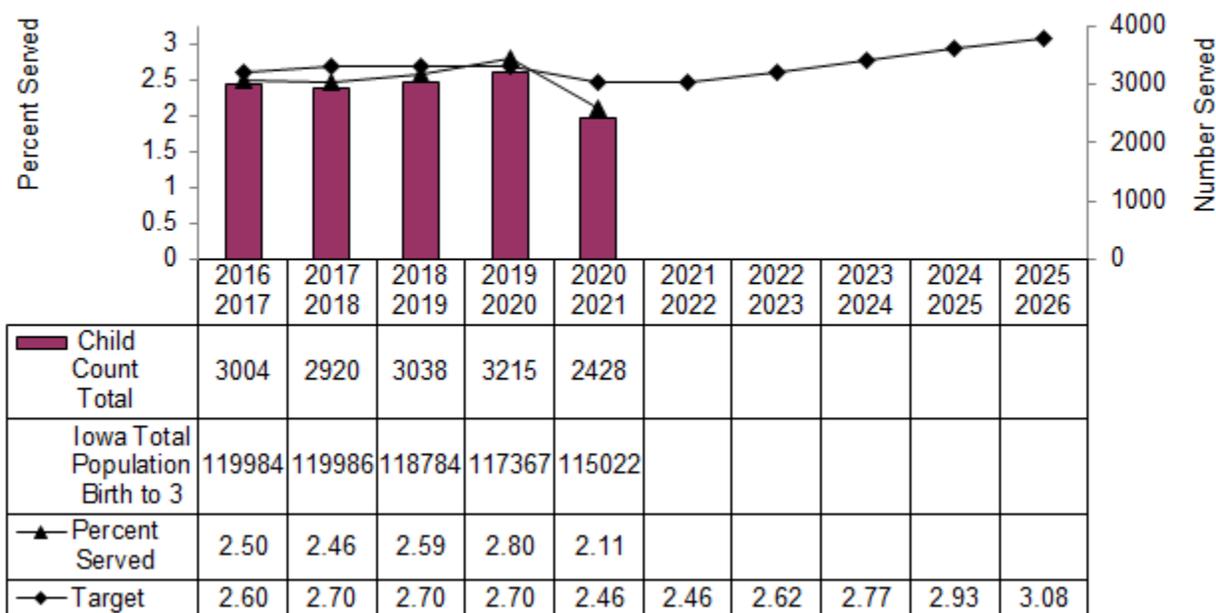
Percent of Infants and Toddlers, birth to 3, with IFSPs compared to national data.

- $Percent = [(\# \text{ of birth to 3 with IFSPs}) \text{ divided by the } (\text{population of birth to 3})] \text{ times } 100.$

Historical Data and Future Targets

- Current baseline (2.12%) was from 2004-2005 (FFY 04).
- Propose setting a new baseline from 2017-18 (FFY 17) data due to procedural clarifications regarding eligibility for Early ACCESS; defining parameters for prematurity as a diagnosed condition and foster care placement was not a diagnosed condition.
- Data indicate a decline in child count, potentially a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Compared to national child count, Iowa is ranked within the bottom quartile of states with similar eligibility criteria.
- Set targets for FFY20 and 21 at proposed baseline (2.46); with an average yearly increase to reach halfway to national average (3.08) from proposed baseline each year thereafter.

Number and Percent of Infants Birth to Three with IFSPs



Current Improvement Activities for Child Find (Birth to 1 and Birth to 3)

- Update [Iowa Family Support Network - Early ACCESS](#) webpage to include relevant information for families, providers, and referral sources.
- Utilize [Early ACCESS Public Referral](#) video tutorial to accompany the ACHIEVE referral process
- Continued collaboration with state agencies to improve awareness of Early ACCESS.

Considerations for Future Improvement Activities for Child Find (Birth to 1 and Birth to 3)

- Establish data routines among stakeholders to further study and inform child find activities and practices.

Compliance Indicators

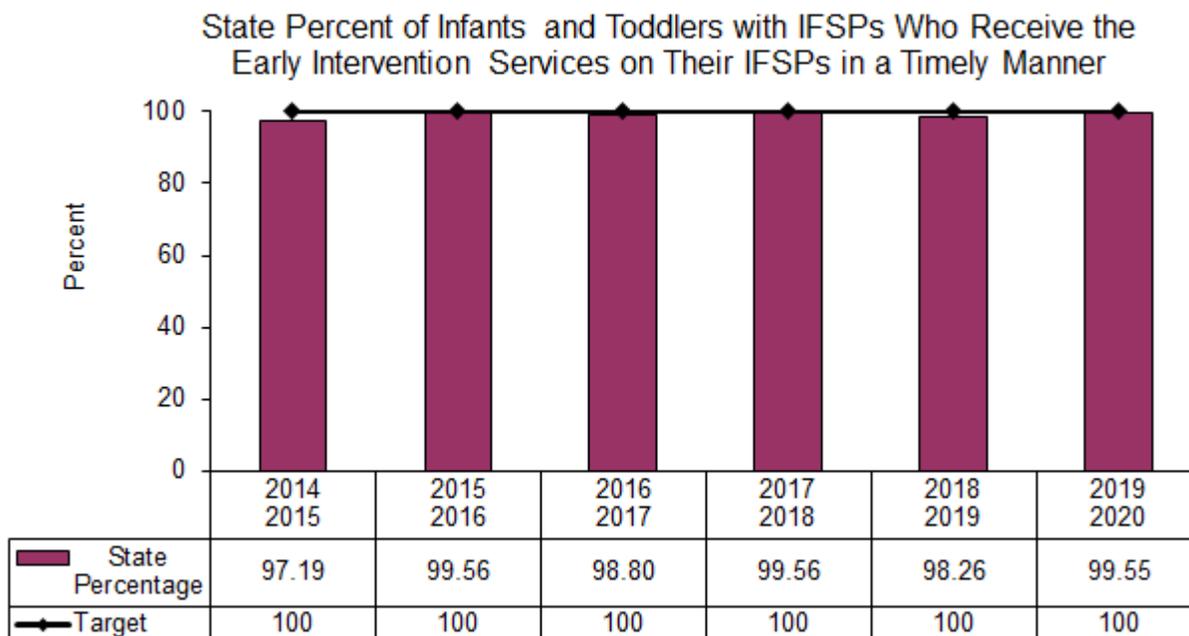
The following information provides data on the IDEA Part C Early ACCESS compliance indicators, which have required targets set by the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Compliance Indicator 1: Timely Provision of Services

Percent of infants and toddlers with Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.

- Services are considered timely if initiated within 30 calendar days from the date in which consent for services was obtained.
- Data are based on the actual number of days, not the average, between parental consent and the date specified on the IFSP service log for delivery of first service.

Historical Data



Considerations for Future Improvement Activities

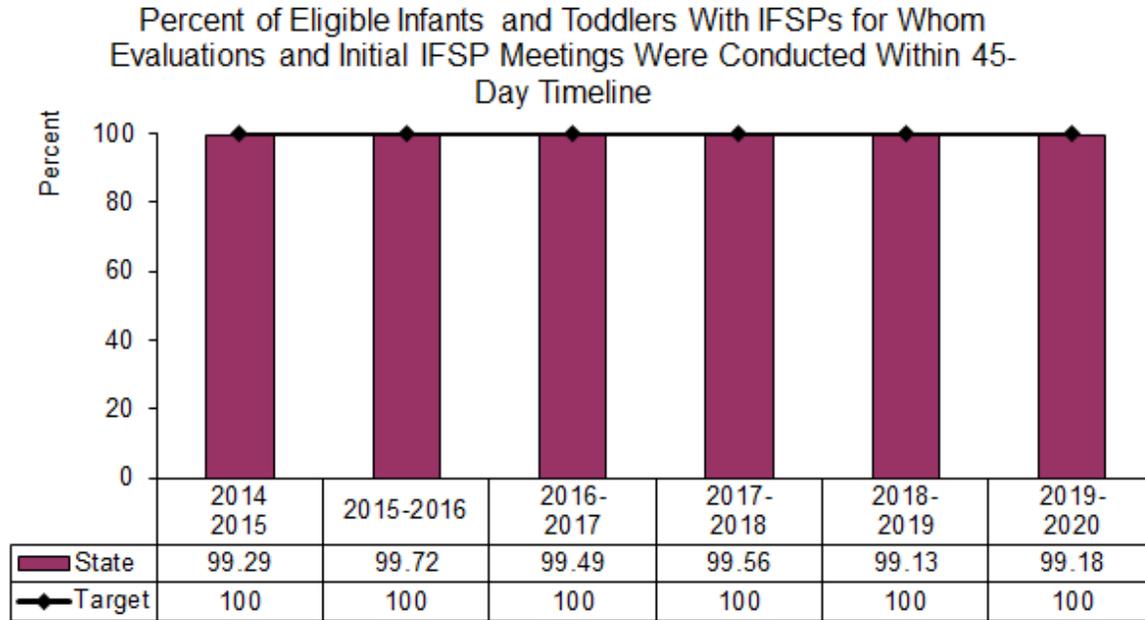
- Maintain Early ACCESS grantee and provider awareness of applicable timelines for services.

Compliance Indicator 7: 45-Day Timeline

Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an initial evaluation, assessment, and initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's [Iowa's Early ACCESS] 45-day timeline.

- The timeline from point of referral to initial IFSP meeting based on actual, not an average, number of days.
- Account for untimely evaluations, assessments, and initial IFSP meetings, including the reasons for delays.

Historical Data



Considerations for Future Improvement Activities

- Maintain Early ACCESS grantee and provider awareness of applicable timelines for services.

Compliance Indicator 8: Early Childhood Transition (from Early ACCESS)

The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C [Iowa’s Early ACCESS] with timely transition planning for whom [Early ACCESS] has:

- A. Developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler’s third birthday;
- B. Notified the SEA and [Iowa’s Area Education Agency] where the toddler resides at least 90 days prior to the toddler’s third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for [Iowa’s special education] services; and
- C. Conducted the transition conference held with the approval of the family at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler’s third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for [Iowa’s special education] services.

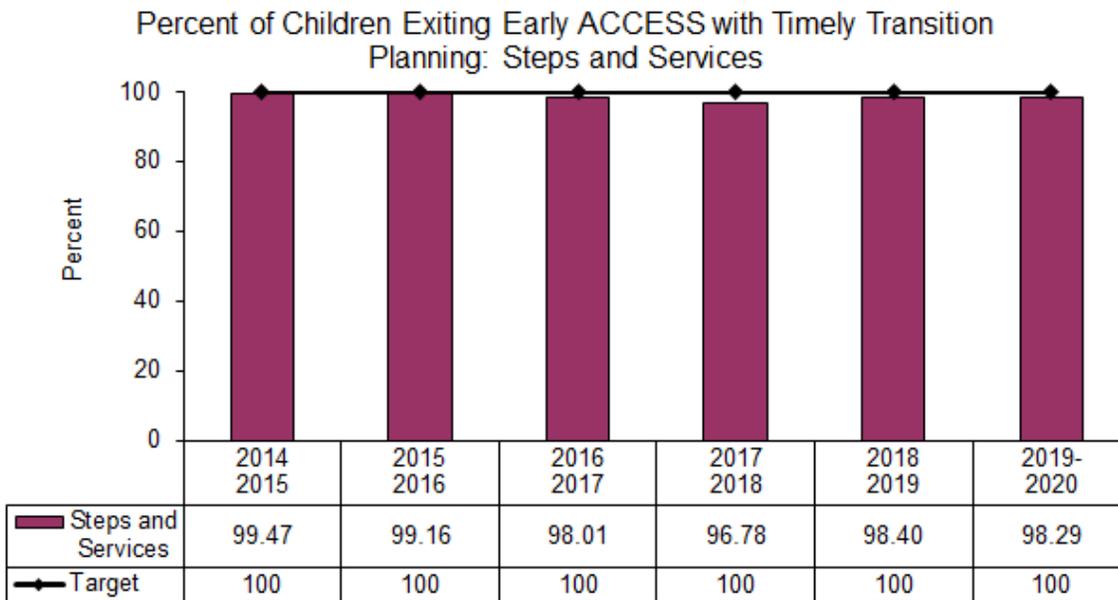
Context: A random sample of children exiting Part C was created using a confidence level of 95% with a +/- 10% margin of error for each regional grantee [Iowa’s Area Education Agency]. Data were obtained from files of children exiting Part C and potentially eligible for Part B. State staff conduct IFSP file reviews and desk audits were completed by the lead agency monitoring consultant.

Indicator 8A:

The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C [Iowa’s Early ACCESS] with timely transition planning for whom [Early ACCESS] has:

- A. Developed an IFSP with transition steps and services at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler’s third birthday.

Historical Data



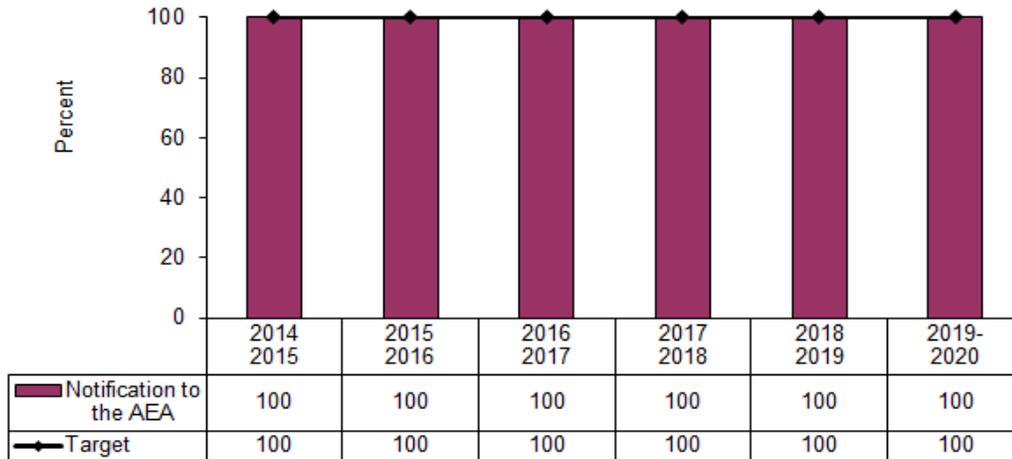
Indicator 8B:

The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C [Iowa’s Early ACCESS] with timely transition planning for whom [Early ACCESS] has:

- B. Notified the SEA and [Iowa’s Area Education Agency] where the toddler resides at least 90 days prior to the toddler’s third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for [Iowa’s special education] services.

Historical Data

Percent of Children Exiting Early ACCESS with Timely Notification to AEA



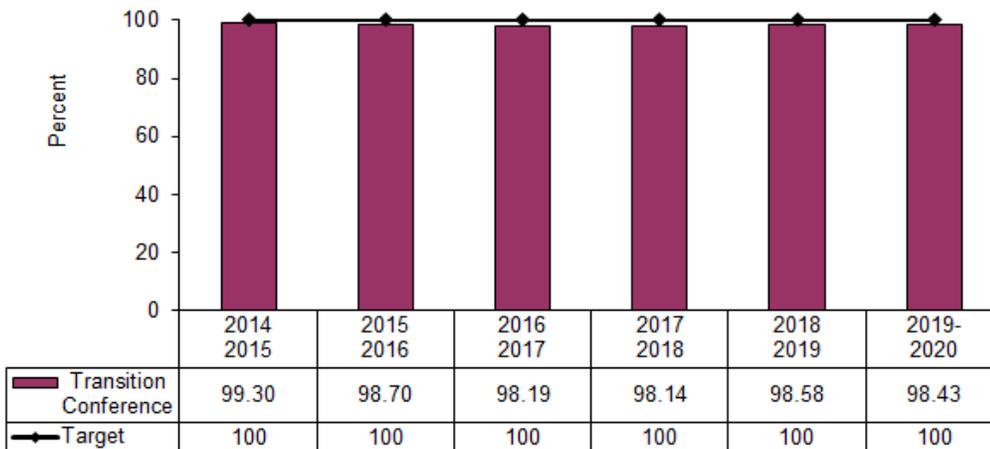
Indicator 8C:

The percentage of toddlers with disabilities exiting Part C [Iowa’s Early ACCESS] with timely transition planning for whom [Early ACCESS] has:

- C. Conducted the transition conference held with the approval of the family at least 90 days, and at the discretion of all parties, not more than nine months, prior to the toddler’s third birthday for toddlers potentially eligible for [Iowa’s special education] services.

Historical Data

Percent of Children Exiting Early ACCESS with Timely Transition Planning: 90 Days Prior to Three



Considerations for Future Improvement Activities

- Maintain Early ACCESS grantee and provider awareness of required transition timelines and activities.