



## Early Childhood, Special Education, and Title Services

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Date: May 17, 2013  
To: Special Education Directors/Early Childhood Coordinators  
From: Tiffany Smith  
Re: IDEA State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report  
*Indicator 6. Percent of children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs attending a:*

- A. Regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program; and*
- B. Separate special education class, separate school or residential facility.*  
*(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A))*

This notice is to inform school districts Kansas Early Childhood Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) data reports will be included as part of the upcoming Annual Performance Report (APR). Between FFY 2007 and FFY 2010 OSEP did not require states to report on indicator 6 Preschool LRE. The state continued to collect data on Indicator 6, however it has only been accessible through the addendum reports and has not been included in the public district level IDEA reports. In FFY 2011 APR reports released March 2013 LEA indicator 6 data can be found on the APR reports website in the Early Childhood Report, an option in the dropdown menu.

IDEA Indicator 6 data currently is reported in two categories of educational environments and concerns the percent of preschool children with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) attending:

- 6A- Regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program;
- 6B- Separate special education class, separate school or residential facility.

Using FFY 2011 data, as required by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Kansas established a new baseline and targets for indicator 6. There were 10,605 total preschool children with IEPs reported in FFY2011. Kansas FFY2011 IDEA Indicator 6 baseline percentages were:

- 6A- 38.66% (4100) of preschool children with IEPs received the majority of special education and related services in a regular early childhood program with typically developing peers.
- 6B - 32.24% (3419) of preschool children received the majority of special education services in a special education program (special education classes, separate school or a residential facility)

[Note: The remaining 29.10% (3086) of Kansas children served in home or other provider locations are NOT included in the IDEA Indicator 6 measurement, however these numbers can impact categories 6A and 6B.]



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These targets were set by the Kansas Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) based on current state trends. The target for 6A was set at 38.91% and the target for 6B was set at 31.99%. To meet the FFY 2012 targets for IDEA indicator 6 state and district data must be greater than or equal to 38.91% for 6A and less than or equal to 31.99% for 6B.

State and district data for the FFY 2012 APR will come from the Dec 1, 2012 measurement of education environments described in 6A and 6B compared against the Indicator 6A and 6B targets. The state percent and whether the target has been met on FFY 2012 IDEA Indicator 6A and 6B will be reported in the FFY 2012 APR, which is due on Feb 1, 2014. The district percent and whether targets are met will be reported in the FFY 2012 APR reports, which will be distributed in March 2014.

To begin preparing for IDEA indicator 6 targets, Local Education Agencies (LEA) are encouraged to locate the FFY 2011 IDEA Indicator 6 data on the APR reports website and compare the district's percentages to the upcoming state targets. LEAs are also encouraged to review reporting of K-time as part of the IEP service data to ensure all regular education settings are accurately reflected, as this may also affect the measurement. In addition, Kan-Service contains an IDEA Indicator 6 report that can be accessed at any time to measure current percentages for this indicator.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Tiffany Smith at [tsmith@ksde.org](mailto:tsmith@ksde.org) or 785-296-1944.

Technical assistance is available at no cost to districts through the Technical Assistance System Network (TASN). LEAs may request assistance for Indicator 6 at [www.ksdetasn.org](http://www.ksdetasn.org). Resource documents on EC/LRE and inclusive practices are also available on the TASN-KITS website at [http://www.kskits.org/ta/preschool\\_LRE\\_Resources/index.shtml](http://www.kskits.org/ta/preschool_LRE_Resources/index.shtml).