

PROGRAM UPDATES

Infant Toddler Services of Riley County 785-776-6363

Welcome to our newsletter! This edition highlights exciting updates in our Early Intervention Program, including shifts in service and referral patterns, digital enhancements, and our ongoing community engagement efforts. Read on for our latest achievements and how your feedback contributes to our growth.

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REFERRAL SOURCE SHIFTS & TRENDS



Referral Dynamics: We're experiencing notable changes in referral patterns. Referrals from our website and family recommendations have climbed from 35% to 43%, indicating a surge in community engagement. In contrast, physician referrals have decreased from 38% to 29%, deviating from the state's 46% average. Additionally, LEA referrals have grown from 2% to 4%, though still below the state average.

Trend Analysis: The period from Fall 2022 to Spring 2023 saw a significant increase in family and friend referrals, alongside a reduction from medical professionals and hospitals, influencing our outreach strategies.

Evaluation Completion: Serving 139 children with 25 pending enrollment, we've notably reduced families declining evaluations, surpassing the state average - a testament to our successful family engagement efforts.

SERVICE EXPANSION

Over the past year, our service numbers have shown interesting trends. From June 2022 to December 2022, we served 210 children. In comparison, from June 2023 to December 2023, the number was slightly lower at 206 children served. This variance is critical in guiding our assessments and shaping our strategic direction.

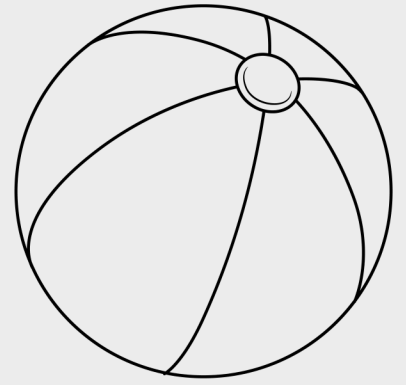
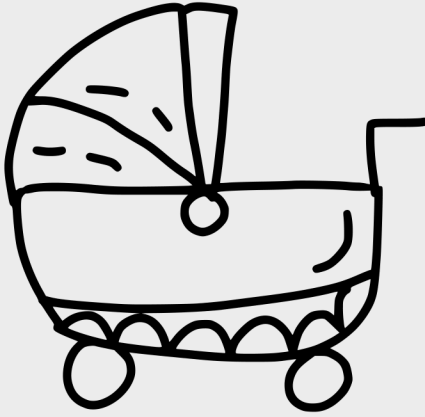
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ANNUAL IFSP AUDIT

We will begin our annual state audit of our Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) to enhance service quality and ensure we are compliant with federal and state requirements.



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NEW INITIATIVES

- **Enhanced Survey Responses:** In 2022, we received only seven parent surveys. To improve this, we've digitalized the survey process, resulting in more than doubling the responses in the past six months.
- **Focus on Relationship Building:** We're developing new strategies to strengthen our connections with medical staff and community partners, which is essential for comprehensive child support.
- **Collaborative Drug Trend Training:** We are excited to participate in a Drug Trend Training with Maternal and Child Health, Department of Children and Families (DCF), and Parents as Teachers on January 24th. This initiative underscores our commitment to staying informed and responsive to emerging challenges in child health.
- **Website Update and Feedback Survey:** We've recently revamped our website to include a feedback survey. We're eager to hear from the community about their experiences with infant toddler services. Our online survey can provide this feedback, allowing us to gather valuable insights and continue improving our services.

