



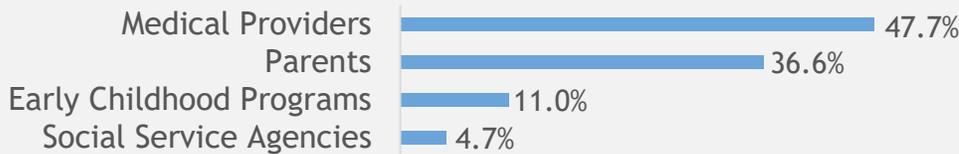
Year at a Glance

Fiscal Year
2019



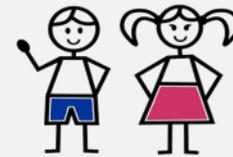
First Steps is Missouri's Early Intervention system for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions associated with developmental disabilities. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is the lead state agency responsible for implementing the First Steps program.

Referrals



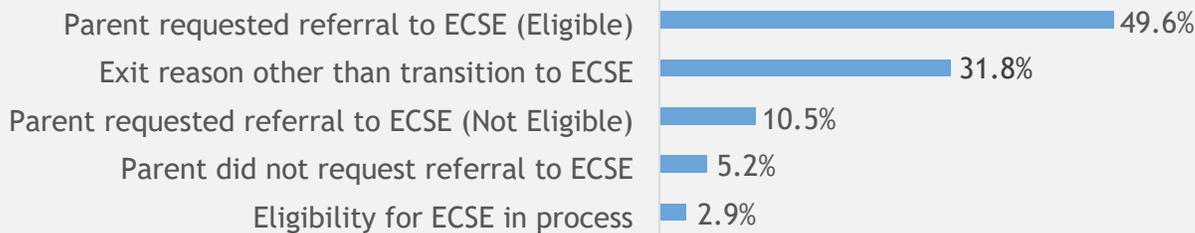
47.2% of parents who referred their child to First Steps learned about First Steps from a medical provider.

Children Served



7,929
children served with an IFSP as of July 1, 2019.

Transition from First Steps to ECSE¹



Child Count and Cost by Fiscal Year²



	FY17	FY18	FY19
Total Children Served	14,472	15,333	15,991
Increase in Children Served	3.7%	5.6%	4.3%
Total Cost per Child	\$3,133	\$3,079	\$3,137
Total Program Expenditures	\$45,903,614	\$47,205,270	\$50,158,786

More information about the Missouri First Steps program is available at:
<https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps>

¹Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)

²Total children served includes all children who received at least one First Steps service. Total cost per child includes administrative costs in addition to direct service costs. Data are from the First Steps SPOE Data Report – July 2019 and First Steps Monthly Expenditure/Revenue Report available at:
<https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps/data-budgets-reports>