

The Decision Tree

Child Indicator Seeds for Success



How Does Virginia Rate?

This year's Child Indicator data is hot off the press. Statewide, Virginia reported results on 4004 children who received services during the FFY13 (July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014). So how did we do?

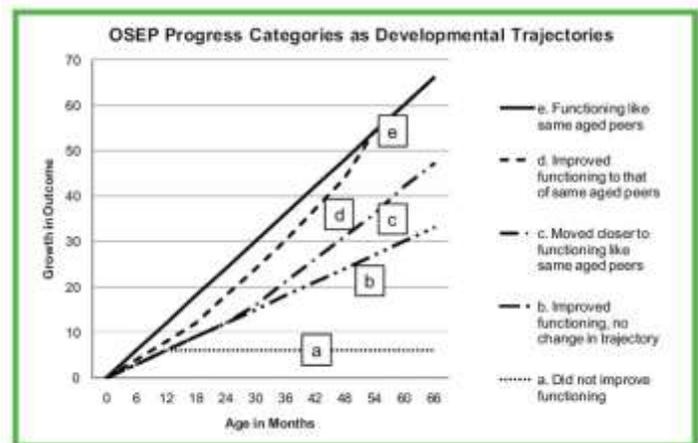
In FFY13, for Virginia:

- The percentage of children who showed greater than expected growth was between 69.5% and 78.7% across the three child outcomes. These children were acquiring skills at a faster rate when they left the program than when they began it.

What is Greater Than Expected Growth?

Developmental science has provided information about the skills children master at different ages. Knowledge of what is expected for each age enables us to identify children who aren't developing at the same rate as other children their age. Children who are substantially behind their peers are referred to as having a developmental delay.

The solid line on the graph (line e) illustrates typical development. All the other lines represent some degree of delay in the early years. If Angela is 12 months old with the skills of a 6 month old, without intervention it is likely that she will continue to grow at the same rate and have the skills of a 9 month old at 18 months. We provide intervention services because Angela is acquiring skills at about half the rate she should be and will continue to fall further behind her peers. This pattern of growth is illustrated in line b on the graph.



The purpose of intervening is to change the child's rate of skill acquisition. Lines c and d illustrate children whose growth was greater than expected because their growth rate with intervention was greater than their growth rate before intervention. The children with growth pattern d catch up to what is expected of their age. States report the percentage of children in each of the five growth trajectories to the U.S. Department of Education. The percentages of children showing greater than expected growth and exiting within age expectations are computed from these five percentages.

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