



## Massachusetts Department of Public Health

### Early Intervention Division

## Part C 618 Child Count and Settings Data Protocol

### Federal Regulations

The data collected is required by the IDEA, Section 618. The data will be used as responses in Part C Table 1 and Table 2. The data are also used for monitoring the programs and activities under IDEA and are reported in the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of IDEA.

### Measurement

1. Section A: Child Count and Settings by Age
2. Section B: Child Count and Settings by Race/Ethnicity
3. Section C: Child Count by Gender
4. Section D: At Risk Child Count
5. Section E: Cumulative Child Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

### Data Source

Early Intervention Client System (EICS)

### State Collection and Submission Schedule

The reporting period is a state-specific child count date, designated **October 1** for MA-C

The data are due annually on the **first Wednesday in April**.

Data due by Programs: **9/30**

### Data Analysis

Child Count and Setting by Age- Number of unique enrollments that receive IFSP services by age and setting

Child Count and Setting by Race/Ethnicity- Number of unique enrollments that receive IFSP services by race and ethnicity

Child Count by Gender- Number of unique enrollments that receive IFSP services by gender

Cumulative Child Count - Number of unique enrollments that receive IFSP services

Child Count by EIS Program – Number of unique enrollments that receive IFSP services and are affiliated with a specific program

Child Count by EIBI, DHH, VL Program – Number of unique enrollments that receive IFSP services and are affiliated with a specific specialty services program.



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### Data Quality

Data Quality Reports are distributed monthly to check for major data or system issues.