

**New Hampshire Bureau of Developmental Services  
Family Centered Early Supports and Services  
Part C Local Program Determinations  
2013**

Beginning in 2007, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) of the U.S. Department of Education began to “determine” how well states meet the requirements of the IDEA of 2004 by placing them in four categories:

- Meets requirements
- Needs assistance
- Needs intervention
- Needs substantial intervention

The IDEA also requires each state to make similar determinations of local Family Centered Early Supports and Services (ESS) programs, and allows the state to decide how the determinations are made within the state.

Determinations are based on the Federal indicators and additional elements identified by OSEP  
In making local determinations for 2013, New Hampshire used data from the six compliance indicators included in the State Performance Plan (SPP) and Annual Performance Report (APR) and three additional indicators that measure compliance with fiscal requirements, correction of non-compliance, and the timely submission of data.

*OSEP Performance Indicators:*

1. Timely Services (Indicator #1)
2. Percentage of children served in natural settings (Indicator #2)
3. Initial IFSPs: 45 Day Timeframe (Indicator #7)
4. Children exiting have an IFSP with a transition plan
5. The local education agency is notified of children potentially eligible for Part B are receiving ESS
6. Transition Meeting: 90 Day Transition Conference

*Additional Elements*

1. Financial audit findings
2. Uncorrected non-compliance
3. Timely submission of data

Local program determinations were calculated as follows:

*Performance Indicators*

On-site program reviews were conducted and each program’s level of compliance was measured and compared against the previous year’s level of compliance.

- When discovery of less than 100% performance on any performance indicator is made during on-site visits, or following review of data from the data system, it is discussed immediately with the local program and AA. This discussion is followed with a communication to both the AA and the local program director by email. If the program is unable to demonstrate within 3 months (90 days) that they understand the indicator requirement and they have demonstrated 100% compliance with the Federal law, a written Notice of the Finding is sent to the program and AA and a corrective Action Plan is developed
- The level of compliance within each of the performance indicators was averaged to produce an average percentage of overall compliance.

### *Additional Elements*

Developmental Services Area Agencies (AA) are responsible for ESS compliance with contract requirements at the local program level. Business Managers are queried to determine if there were any audit findings for the ESS Programs in their region. “No” means there were no audit findings.

Uncorrected noncompliance is identified through a review of findings made in previous years and a comparison with current monitoring data. “No” means there were no instances of uncorrected noncompliance.

Timely submission is monitored by BDS staff and includes the requested submission of data throughout the monitoring year. “Yes” means that information/data submissions were timely.

### Computation of Determinations

- Performance Indicators count as 85% of the score.
- The additional elements receive a “yes” or no response. Each “yes” response counts as 5% of the total score for a maximum of 15%.

Percentages for all performance indicators and additional indicators are averaged to determine the total rate of compliance. A compliance rate of 95% or higher is considered to ‘meet requirements’. Programs with an average compliance rate lower than 90% are placed in the ‘needs assistance’ category. Programs that receive a “needs assistance” determination for two years in a row are placed in the “needs intervention” category and receive targeted technical assistance to assist them to improve the rate of compliance.

The BDS Part C program is pleased to note that 100% of New Hampshire’s ESS programs achieved an average compliance rate of 95% or higher and have been placed in the “Meets Requirements” category.

If you would like more information about the indicators mentioned above, please refer to the NH State Performance Plan and the NH Annual Performance Report documents which are located on the DHHS website:

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/earllysupport/stateplan.htm>

## Determinations History

MR = Meets Requirements NA = Needs Assistance

Region	Program	2013 Determination	2012 Determination	2011 Determination
1	Children Unlimited	MR	MR	MR
1	Northern Human Services	MR	MR	MR
2	Pathways	MR	MR	MR
3	Lakes Region Community Services	MR	MR	MR
4	Community Bridges	MR	MR	MR
5	MDS ESS	MR	MR	MR
5	Rise... for Baby and Family	MR	MR	MR
6	Gateways ESS	MR	MR	MR
6	The Children's Pyramid	MR	MR	MR
7	Easter Seals - Manchester	MR	MR	MR
7	Moore Center Services ESS	MR	MR	MR
8	Child and Family Services	MR	MR	MR
8	Richie McFarland Children's Center	MR	MR	MR
9	Community Partners	MR	MR	MR
10	Easter Seals - Salem	MR	MR	MR
10	The Children's Pyramid	MR	MR	MR

**2013 LOCAL DETERMINATIONS of Family Centered Early Supports & Services**

The data reported below were collected during the 2010-2011 monitoring period.

Region	Program	Indicator 1 Timely Services	Indicator 2 Natural Settings	Indicator 7 Timely IFSPS 45 Day Timeline	Indicator 8a Transition Plan	Indicator 8b referred to LEA	Indicator 8C 90 Day Transition Conference	Financial Audit Findings	Uncorrected non- compliance	Timely Submission of data	Average %
1	Children Unlimited	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
1	Northern Human Services	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
2	Pathways	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
3	Lakes Region Community Services	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
4	Community Bridges	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
5	MDS - ESS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
5	Rise... for Baby and Family	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
6	Gateways ESS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
6	Sunrise	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
6	The Children's Pyramid	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
7	Easter Seals - Manchester	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
7	Moore Center ESS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
8	Child and Family Services	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
8	Richie McFarland Children's Center	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
9	Community Partners	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%
10	Easter Seals - Salem	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	N	95%
10	The Children's Pyramid	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	N	N	Y	100%

