



Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

Minnesota Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Referral Report Calendar Year 2013

Reporting Requirement

The commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services shall monitor infant and toddler early intervention referral rates by county, and annually report the information to the legislature beginning March 15, 2014.

Minnesota Statutes

In 2012, Minnesota Statute, section 626.556, Reporting of Maltreatment of Minors, was amended by adding a subdivision that reads:

Subd. 10n. Required referral to early intervention services

A child under age 3 who is involved in a substantiated case of maltreatment shall be referred for screening under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C. Parents must be informed that the evaluation and acceptance of services are voluntary. The commissioner of human services shall monitor referral rates by county and annually report the information to the legislature beginning March 15, 2014. Refusal to have a child screened is not a basis for a child in need of protection or services petition under chapter 260C.

System Integration

Capacity to document and track infant and toddler early intervention referral rates was implemented in the Social Service Information System (SSIS) on September 3, 2013. Statewide training was conducted by the Minnesota Child Welfare Training System regarding policy, practice and procedural documentation of referrals.

The referral rates by county covers data entered in SSIS from Sept. 1, 2013, through Dec. 31, 2013. The statewide aggregate number of infants and toddlers for which referrals were mandated for early intervention screening was 246 of 282 (87.2 percent).

Early intervention referral rates will hereafter be reported within the Minnesota Child Welfare Report, which is submitted to the Minnesota Legislature annually.