

SPECIAL NEEDS DIVISION

END OF THE YEAR REPORT

2007



End of the Year Report January 01, 2007– December 31, 2007 Children with Special Needs Division

Early Intervention:

The Early Intervention program services children birth through three years of age who have a developmental delay or disability. The program provides comprehensive, play based assessments which ascertain developmental levels in five areas of development : cognitive, physical, social emotional, communication and adaptive. Children with a developmental delay of 33% in one area or 25% delay in two areas are eligible for the program. Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs) are written for eligible children and various services are provided to address identified needs. Such services include, but are not limited to, Special Instruction, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Vision, Audiology Transportation and Nutrition. All families choose an Ongoing Service Coordinator who manages the case, insures that services are delivered as prescribed and assists with procuring community services when necessary.

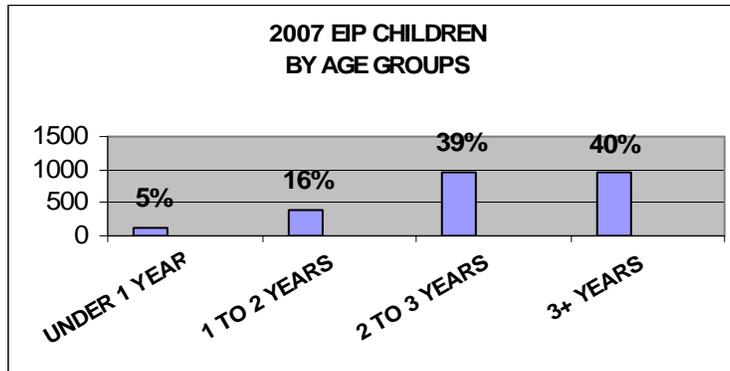
The philosophy of the Early Intervention Program is to provide services in the most natural environment with a focus on parent involvement. When warranted group and/ or classroom based services are implemented. Services are provided 52 weeks per year and IFSP's are reviewed every six months to ascertain continued appropriateness. The Early Intervention Program is governed by the New York State Department of Health and implemented through Erie County. The data below references the calendar year 2007.

Number of new referrals 1808

Total number of children served in 2007
(had an IFSP in 2007) 2463

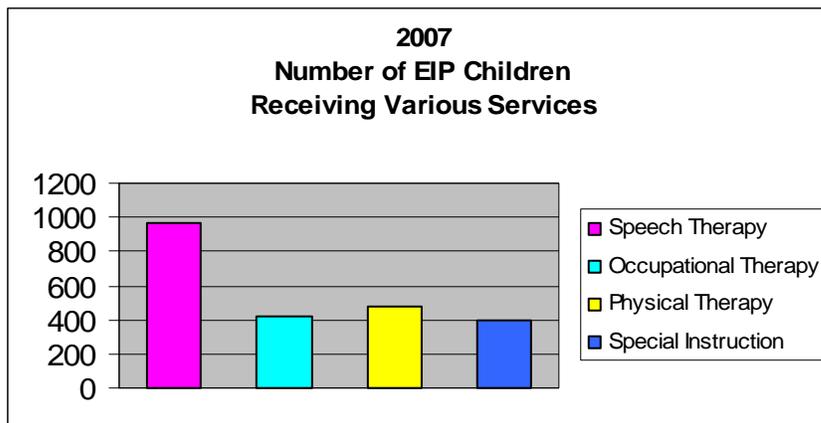
By Age:

Under 1 Year 135
1 to 2 Years 389
2 to 3 years 966
3+ years 973



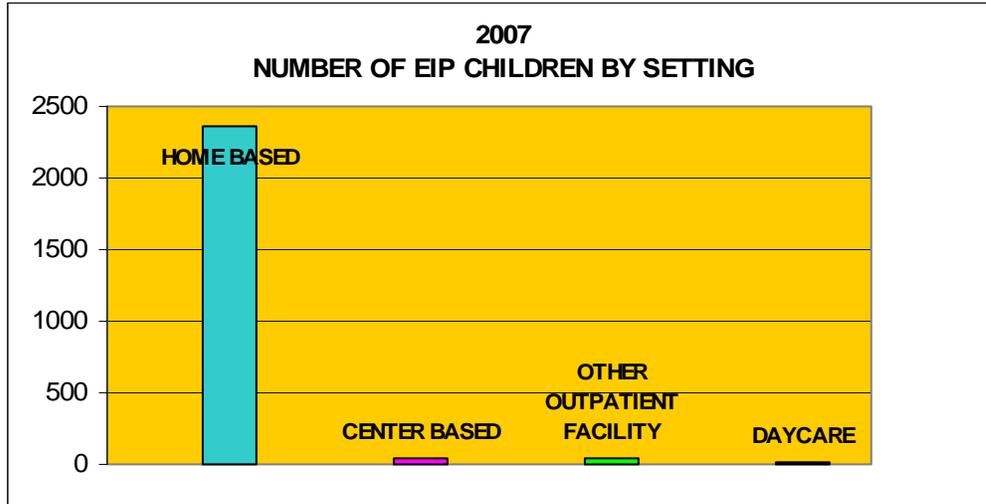
Services Provided – Number of children receiving various services

Speech Therapy 962
Occupational Therapy 417
Physical Therapy 481
Special Instruction 401



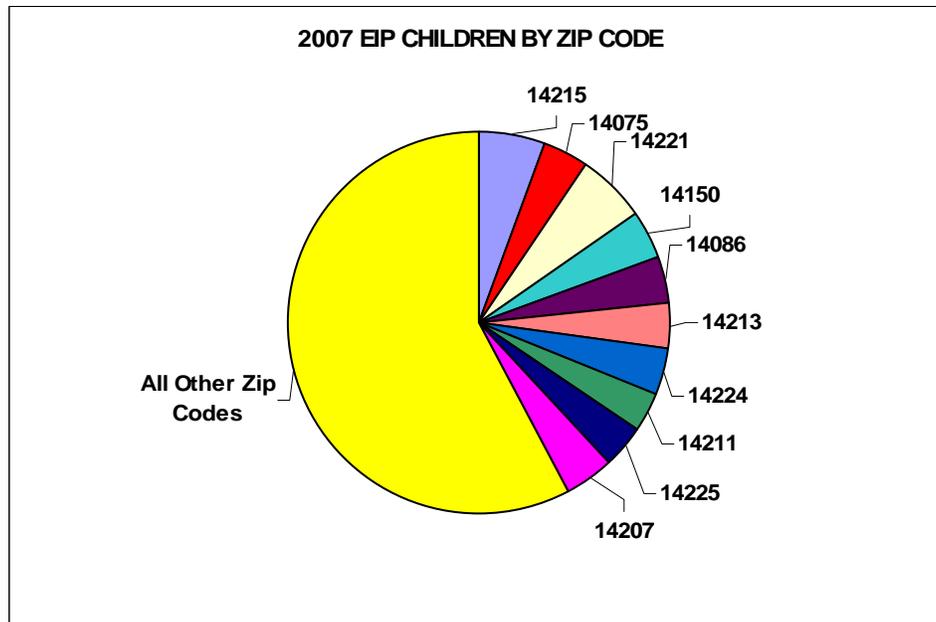
Location of Services – Number of children served in various locations

Home	1209
Center-based	24
Other Outpatient Facility	23
Daycare	6



Children served in various Zip Codes – top ten highlighted

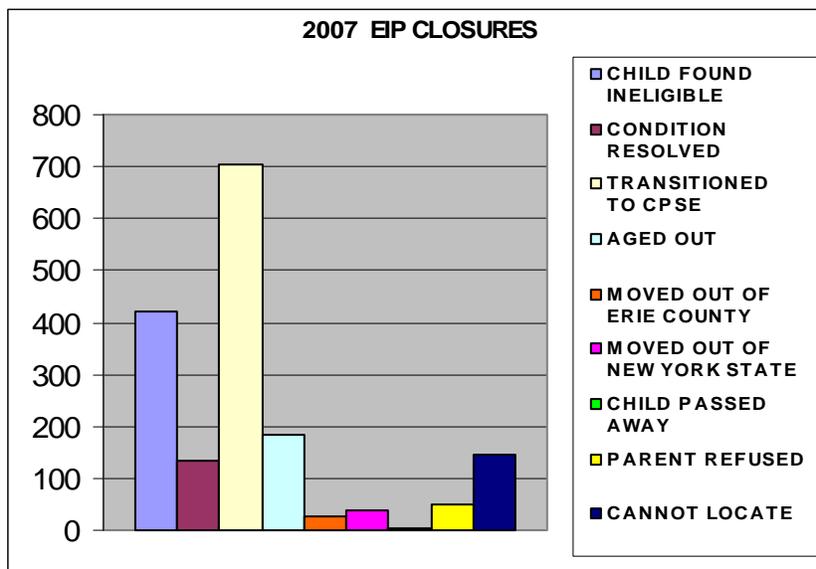
14215	103	14224	68
14075	68	14211	59
14221	108	14225	67
14150	72	14207	74
14086	71	All others	1050
14213	73	Total	1813



Total number of cases closed 1707

Number closed by reason:

Child found ineligible	422	Condition resolved	134
Transitioned to CPSE	705	Aged out	182
Moved out of County of Erie	26	Moved out of NY State	38
Child passed away	4	Parent refused	49
Can't Locate	147		



Preschool :

The Preschool Program services three and four year old children identified as **preschoolers with a disability**. The program provides comprehensive standardized evaluations which include a psychological evaluation, a social history and an observation of the child's educational environment (as mandated via regulations) and any other areas of need identified by the district chairperson. Children are identified as preschoolers with disabilities if they demonstrate a 33% delay in one or 25% delay in two areas of development. Comprehensive evaluations provide developmental levels in the areas of cognition, social emotional development, communication, motor and adaptive skills.

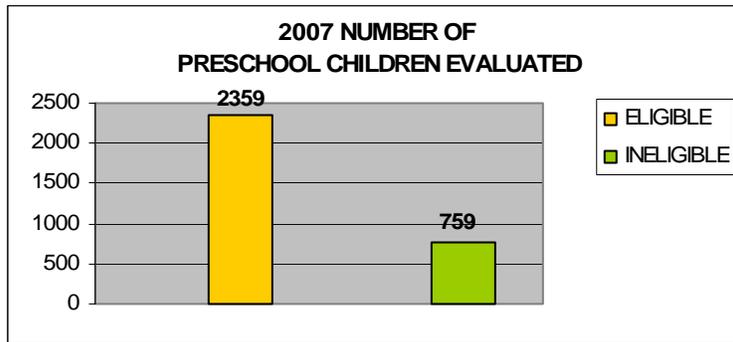
If identified, the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) develops an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) based on identified needs and determines the services necessary to address such needs. Services include, but are not limited to, Special Instruction, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work and Transportation. Preschool services are put in place to assist children in being successful in their educational environment. The philosophy of the program rests on this premise and CPSEs are charged with placing children in the least restrictive environment; the environment in which they can interact with typical peers to the maximum extent appropriate while being successful in learning.

Preschool services occur on a school year calendar; 10 month programming occurs between September and June and 2 month programming occurs between July and August. Summer programming is approved if children demonstrate substantial regression during breaks in service. The Preschool Program is governed by the New York State Education Department, administered through local school districts and financed by the county. The CPSE determines appropriate levels of service and the county is represented on the various committees. The data below represents the calendar year 2007 –

Total number of children evaluated 3118

Number of children eligible 2359

Number of children ineligible 759



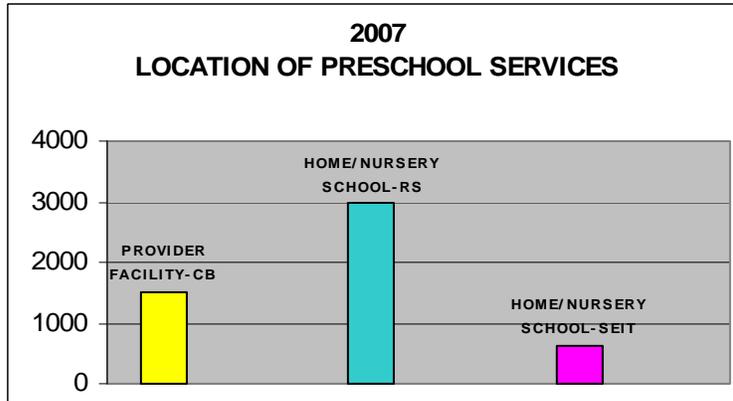
Total number of children served 4286

By location:

Provider Facility (Center-based) 1507

Home or Nursery School (Related Services -OT, PT, Speech) 2994

Home or Nursery School (Special Education Itinerant Teacher) 617



Transportation

Total number of children transported 2138

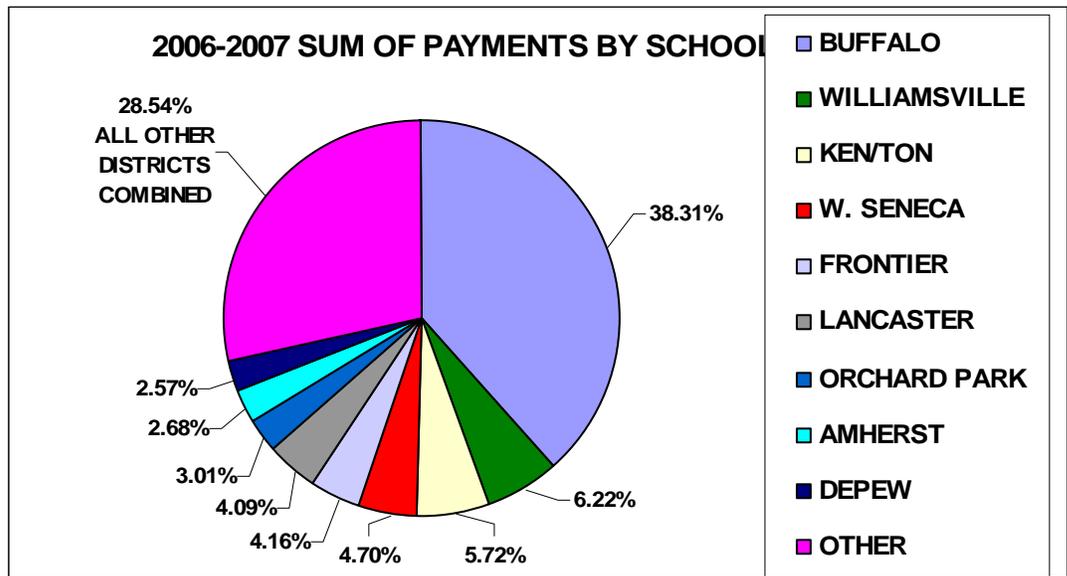
Bus Transport

1/06 – 6/06 994

9/06 – 12/06 790

Parent Reimbursed 354

Cost per district – top 9 districts highlighted:



District	Total Payment	Number of children	District	Total Payment	Number of children
Akron	\$ 323,402.24	40	Holland	\$ 186,646.97	22
Alden	\$ 597,527.66	49	Iroquois	\$ 558,484.43	51
Amherst	\$ 1,243,170.29	118	Ken/Ton	\$ 2,654,553.89	286
Buffalo	\$ 17,767,467.78	1570	Lackawanna	\$ 1,040,109.82	89
Cheektowaga	\$ 697,705.05	75	Lancaster	\$ 1,896,096.98	183
Cheek/Sloan	\$ 555,696.91	52	Maryvale	\$ 678,482.46	66
Clarence	\$ 1,014,797.12	125	North Collins	\$ 285,066.18	22
Cleveland Hill	\$ 737,603.88	60	Orchard Park	\$ 1,394,796.58	151
Depew	\$ 1,191,873.98	81	Silver Creek	\$ 45,251.46	7
East Aurora	\$ 600,603.64	57	Springville	\$ 523,531.23	59
Eden	\$ 353,467.70	47	Sweet Home	\$ 918,154.90	107
Lake Shore	\$ 1,067,714.68	103	Tonawanda City	\$ 858,181.75	74
Frontier	\$ 1,931,367.11	188	West Seneca	\$ 2,179,609.01	224
Gowanda	\$ 323,975.60	34	Williamsville	\$ 2,882,663.08	292
Grand Island	\$ 721,141.42	71	Pioneer	\$ 52,751.56	4
Hamburg	\$ 1,093,462.64	107			

**THE ERIE COUNTY
WOMEN, INFANTS AND
CHILDREN
SUPPLEMENTAL
FOOD PROGRAM
(WIC)**

ANNUAL REPORT

2007

OVERVIEW/MISSION:

It is the mission of the Erie County Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program to improve the nutrition and health status of eligible pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding women, infants and children in Erie County through the provision of nutritious foods, nutrition/health/breastfeeding education, counseling and referrals to other health and human service programs.

There are twelve permanent and temporary locations where services are provided.

Eligibility for the WIC Program consists of categorical, residential, and income eligibility requirements, as well as the presence of documented nutritional or medical risks. Eligibility determination is conducted through the process of certification.

In addition to the nutritional and breastfeeding education, participants receive checks to purchase specific food items; high in nutrient value, at WIC approved vendors. Checks are generated on site through a closed computer system called WICSIS (WIC Statewide Information System). The approximate value of the food items per months are based upon category:

Pregnant Women	\$ 60
Breastfeeding Women	\$ 75
Non-Breastfeeding Women	\$ 48
Children	\$ 52
Infants	\$120

In 2007, the WIC Program sought and was given additional funding to implement Breastfeeding Peer Counseling and Healthy Lifestyle Grants. The Peer Counseling Breastfeeding Program has grown to 9 peer counselors; this is in addition to the nutrition staff of 21. All the professional staff have been trained in the promotion of breastfeeding and in intervention services when specific problems arise. Since the inception of the Peer Counselor Breastfeeding program in March 2005, breastfeeding rates have risen from 36% to 41.7%. The Healthy Lifestyles Grant has resulted in the increased number of participants choosing 1% or non-fat milk. The baseline of 27.3% increased to 317% with targeted interventions.

CASELOAD SERVED: Based upon the targeted caseload of 15,886

Month FFY 10/06-9/07	Number	Percentage
October	15,221	99.33
November	15,128	98.79
December	14,998	97.94
January, 2007	15,251	96.00
February	14,830	93.35
March	15,020	94.55
April	15,163	95.45
May	15,310	96.37
June	15,287	96.23
July	15,295	96.28
August	15,676	98.68
September	15,514	97.66
Cumulative Total	182,683 (Average Caseload)	95.83 (Average Percentage)

SERVICES PROVIDED:

In addition to the provision of food checks, approximately 67,500 nutrition education contacts have been made. In addition, approximately 1,500 participants have been referred to other agencies/programs that may be of assistance to them or their families.

VENDOR MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

In addition to the regular WIC Program, the Erie County Department of Health operates the WIC vendor grant which oversees vendor operations in a 17 county region: Allegany County, Cattaraugus County, Chautauqua County, Chemung County, Erie County, Genesee County, Livingston County, Monroe County, Niagara County, Ontario County, Orleans County, Schuyler County, Seneca County, Steuben County, Wayne County, Wyoming County and Yates County. This includes approximately 425 stores and 13 WIC Programs throughout the region. The purpose of the WIC Vendor Management Agency is to authorize and provide oversight to the retail food stores (vendors) used in the delivery of prescribed foods to WIC Program participants. Vendor management activities include application processing, contracting, training and monitoring.