



From the Early Steps State Office

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Dear Friends,

Early Steps conducted a survey during July 2008 of families whose children recently received Early Steps services to ask how well the developmental needs of their children were met. We received 1,653 surveys back this year which is close to a 19% increase in participation from previous years. The feedback provided will help make improvements in Early Steps and will also be used to report Florida's progress in meeting the needs of young children and their families.

Each question on the survey falls under one of three categories that we track and report to the public. The charts below show a comparison from 2007 and 2008 in these three categories. We are thrilled the results show us that Early Steps continues to improve in all three categories. These categories and your responses are detailed below:

Percent of families who report that early intervention services have helped their family know their rights	
2007	2008
55.9%	65.1%

Percent of families who report that early intervention services have helped their family effectively communicate their children's needs	
2007	2008
52.5%	61.3%

Percent of families who report that early intervention services have helped their family help their child grow	
2007	2008
57.6%	75.2%

I would like to personally thank all the families who took the time to complete this survey and help Florida's Early Steps system grow and improve!

Sincerest Regards,

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