

Table A – Part C – South Carolina
Issues Identified in the State Performance Plan

SPP Indicator	Issue	Required Action
<p>Indicator 3: Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships); B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication); and C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs. <p>(20 USC 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p>	<p>OSEP is unable to determine whether the plan included for new Indicator 3 will result in the collection of the required data by the submission of the APR, due February 1, 2007.</p>	<p>The State must ensure that any activities or strategies regarding this indicator result in the collection of the required entry data, for the required time period, and that the entry data and any other required data are reported in the February 1, 2007 APR. Failure to report the required data in the APR may affect OSEP's determination of the State's status under section 616(d) of the IDEA.</p>
<p>Indicator 4: Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Know their rights; B. Effectively communicate their children's needs; and C. Help their children develop and learn. <p>(20 USC 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p>	<p>OSEP is unable to determine whether the plan included for new Indicator 4 will result in the collection of the required data by the submission of the APR, due February 1, 2007.</p>	<p>The State must ensure that any activities or strategies regarding this indicator result in the collection of the required baseline data, for the required time period, and that the baseline data and any other required data are reported in the APR. Failure to report the required data in the APR may affect OSEP's determination of the State's status under section 616(d) of the IDEA.</p>

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<p>Indicator 13: Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements. (20 USC 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p>	<p>(1) The State included targets and improvement activities regarding mediation; however, baseline data indicated that the number of mediations requested was fewer than 10. OSEP guidance on developing the SPP indicated that targets and improvement activities were not needed until the number of mediations requested totaled 10 or greater.</p> <p>(2) The State established a target of 100% for mediation. A target of 100% for this indicator is inappropriate. The consensus among mediation practitioners is that 75-85% is a reasonable rate of mediations that result in agreements and is consistent with national mediation success rate data. A higher mediation goal, while appropriate for some States, may not be appropriate if it results in agreements that are not voluntarily implemented. It is better to have a lower percentage of viable, implemented agreements than a higher percentage of agreements, some of which are not voluntarily implemented.</p>	<p>(1) The State may remove the targets and improvement activities related to mediation in the APR, due February 1, 2007, if the number of mediations for FFY 2005 is less than 10. In a reporting period when the number of mediations reaches 10 or greater, the State must develop targets and improvement activities, and report them in the corresponding APR.</p> <p>(2) If the State is required to establish a target in a future APR because it meets the threshold of 10 or more mediation requests, the State must revise its target and submit the revised target in that APR.</p>
<p>Indicator 14: State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. (20 USC 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p>	<p>While the State provided some information that allows OSEP to make inferences regarding the State's intended targets for Indicator 14, the State did not explicitly indicate that its targets are 100% for both timely data and accurate data reports.</p>	<p>The State must revise its targets for this indicator in the APR, due February 1, 2007, to clarify that it is the State's intent to reach 100% accuracy and 100% timeliness regarding data reported, whether to OSEP or to the public, under section 618 of the IDEA, in the SPP and in the APRs.</p>