



# Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for **Infants and Toddlers—FICCIT**

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**State of Florida  
Early Intervention Services**

# Annual Report

**Fiscal Year 2010/2011**



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers is to enhance opportunities for Florida's infants and toddlers with special needs and their families.

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**45,350 Children Received Early Steps Services  
in Florida During the Past Year**

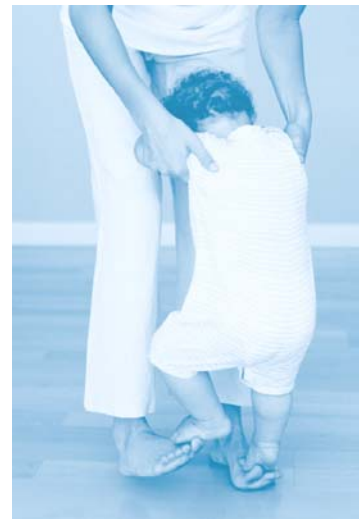


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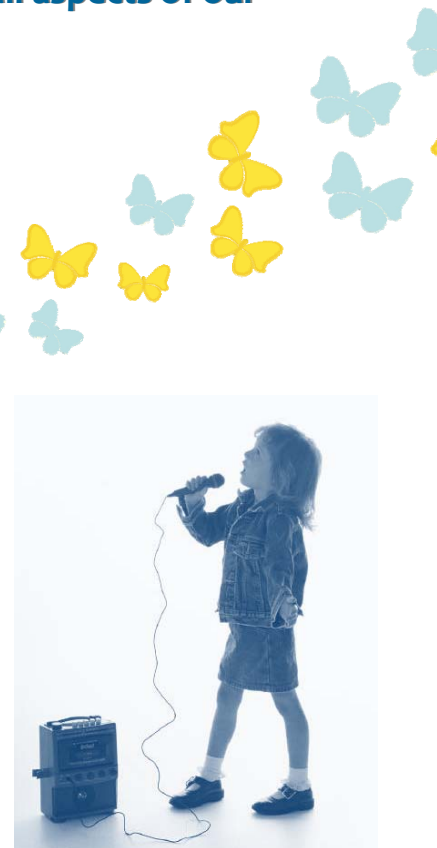
*early growth... early help... early steps*

**These Stories Illustrate the Impact Early Steps Has  
in the Lives of the Families We Serve**



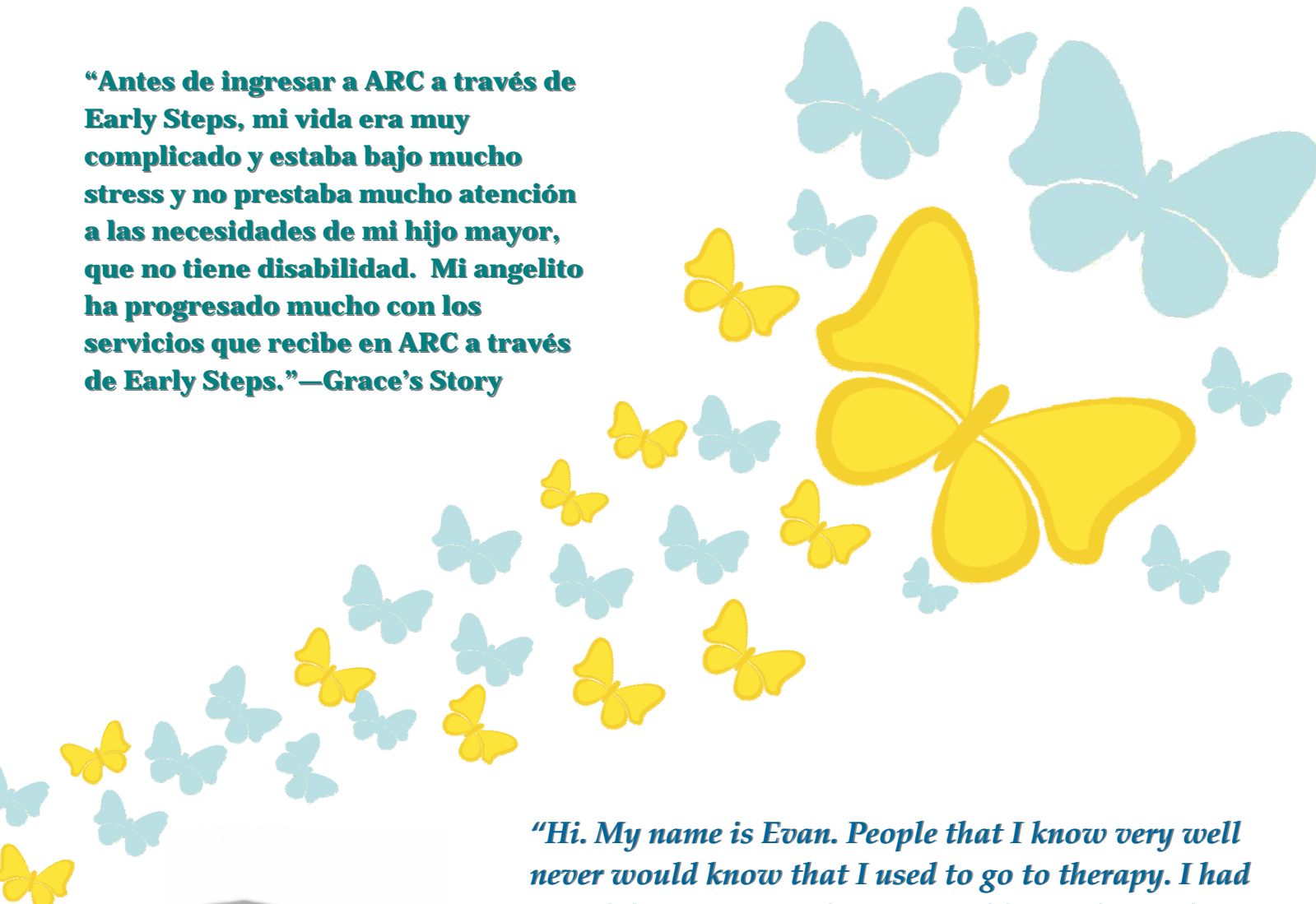
**“Before Early Steps we did not know what to do with our son that had Down syndrome. With the services we have learned how to work with Andrew so he can grow and learn to the best of his ability. It is hard to explain everything that we have learned from Early Steps. They have helped our family so much in all aspects of our family life.”—Andrew’s Story**

**“I became aware of our Family Resource Specialist by way of phone contact. And the email list has kept us informed about playgroups and other available resources, in support of us during our Early Steps journey. Lea is at four-and-a half-year-old level in language and physical development, although she is only three years old, and she will not need special education services.”—Lea’s Story**



***“My daughter was not talking by 18 months. Through Early Steps she was caught up by age 3. She has not stopped talking since. She is now 10 years old and just won her first singing competition!” — The Hart Family***

**“Antes de ingresar a ARC a través de Early Steps, mi vida era muy complicado y estaba bajo mucho stress y no prestaba mucho atención a las necesidades de mi hijo mayor, que no tiene discapacidad. Mi angelito ha progresado mucho con los servicios que recibe en ARC a través de Early Steps.”—Grace’s Story**

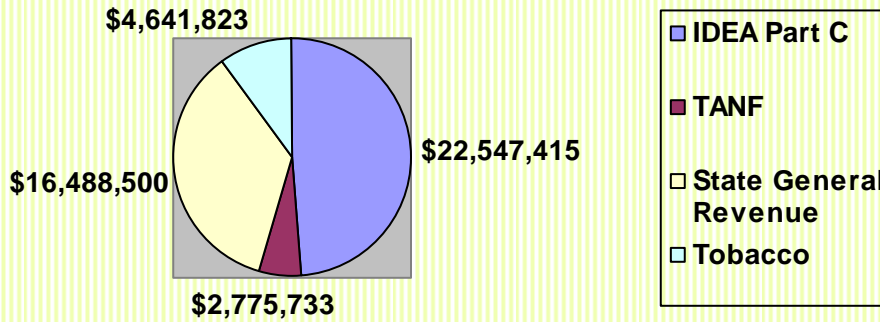


*“Hi. My name is Evan. People that I know very well never would know that I used to go to therapy. I had speech because I was having trouble speaking. This worked out for me very successfully. I will always remember her because now, not only can I speak clearly, but people understand me and I am able to perform on the stage. I also had physical therapy to teach me how to walk and ride my bike. My therapist (Miss Nicole) changed my life because I march in drum line and do everything well. She has changed me because if she did not help me, I wouldn’t be able to do the things I do.” —Evan’s Story*

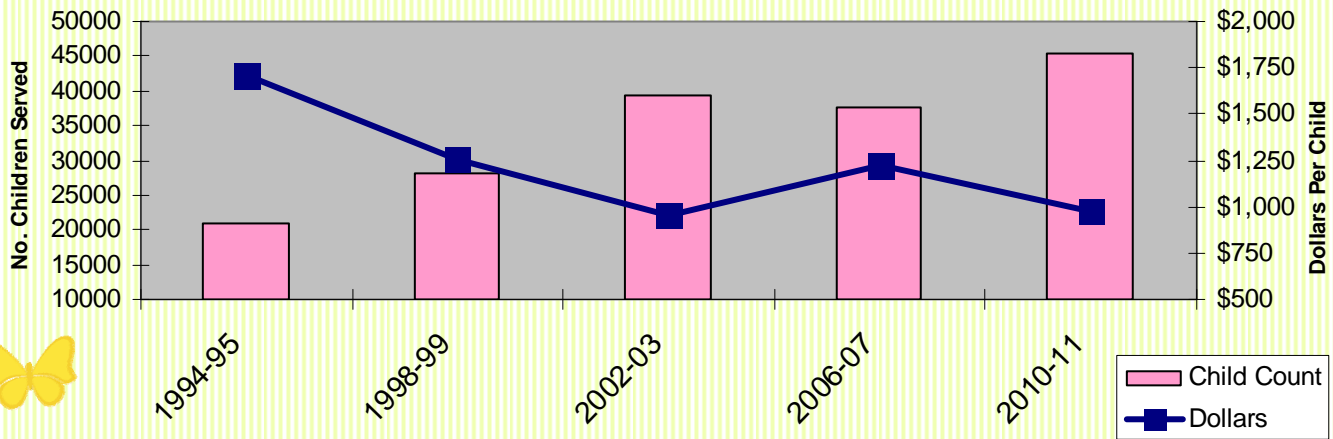
**“Early Steps gave me and my family the ability to be members of our community. They gave us a voice for our child and now we are very involved in many other groups.”—Gabriela’s Story**



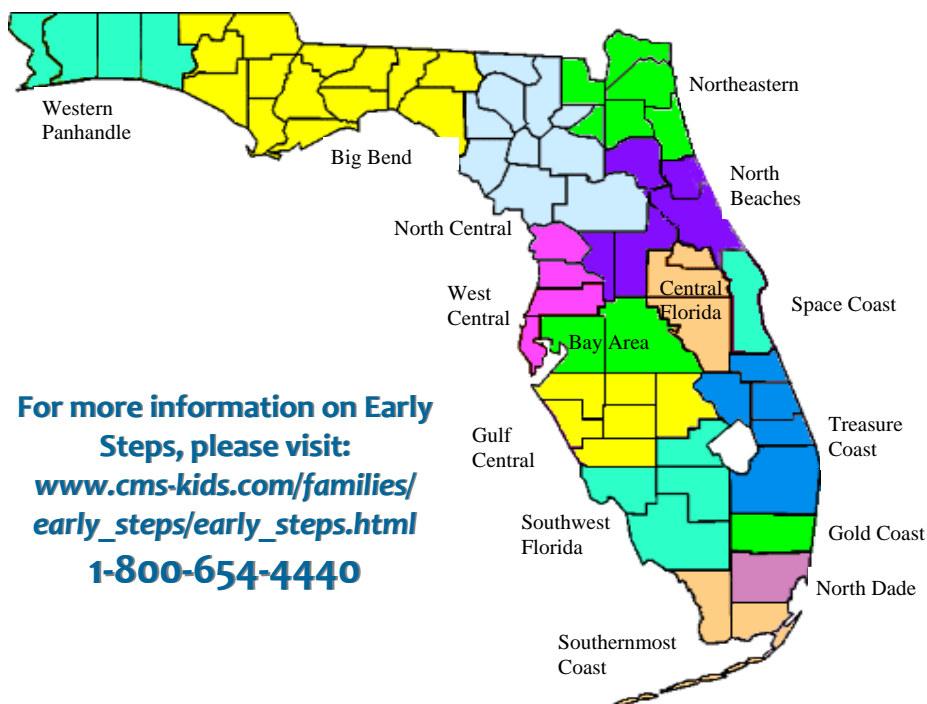
## Early Steps 2011-12 Funding By Source



## Historical Total Budget Authority Dollars per Child Excluding American Recovery and Reinvestment Funding



## 93% of Funding Goes Directly to Services for Florida Families



**By Independent Survey, 80% of Our Families Report That Early Intervention Services Have Helped Their Family Help Their Child Grow**