

**Policy:**  
Child and Family Outcomes

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§§ 303.700 -708

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§§ 1416(a), 1431–1444

Child and family outcomes are defined as the benefits experienced as a result of services provided to children and families receiving IDEA/Part C services. SCDHHS will administer a system of training, implementation, and data collection for child and family outcomes as a part of the State Performance Plan and the Annual Performance Report.

**Child Outcomes**

Data will be collected at entry and exit as specified in the procedures for child outcomes for each of the following:

- Child has positive social-emotional skills (e.g.; social relationships)
- Child acquires and uses knowledge and skills (e.g.; early language/communication)
- Child uses appropriate behaviors to meet their needs

**Family Outcomes**

Data will be collected at entry and exit as specified in the procedures for family outcomes for each of the following:

- Family knows their rights
- Family effectively communicate their children's needs
- Family helps their children develop and learn

**Data Quality**

SCDHHS will maintain data systems and supports for Service Coordinators and Early Intervention Service providers for the collection, analysis, and use of child and family outcome data. This data will be used for reporting and in data-driven decision making about system and practice improvements.