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# **Early Childhood Intervention Executive Planning for Fiscal Year 2022 and Beyond**

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**Webinar for Chief Executive Officers,  
Chief Financial Officers and Program  
Directors**



# Today's Topics

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- 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature
  - Final appropriations and performance measures
  - Significant budget riders and legislation
- Next steps to adjust contract amounts for American Rescue Plan funds and personnel development grant funds
- Sustainability and efficiency initiatives



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## Appropriations and Performance Measures

- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) received essentially level funding for the 2022-2023 biennium.
- Total funding for ECI services in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 is \$168.9 million and for FY 2023 is \$170.1 million.



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## Appropriations and Performance Measures

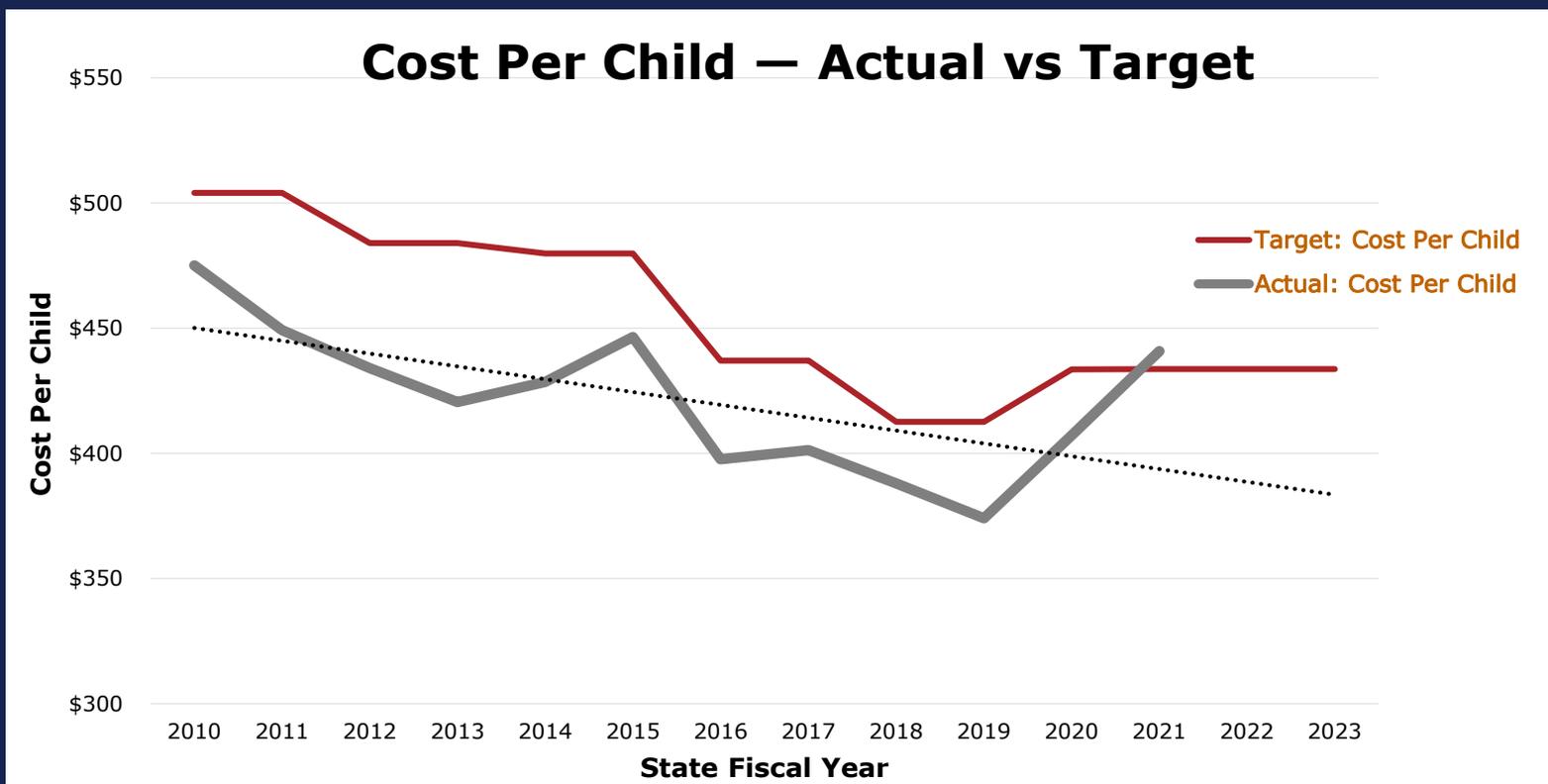
- This appropriation is based on the following projections:
  - Average monthly cost per child of \$433.61 in FY 2022 and \$433.61 in FY 2023
  - Average of 32,456 children per month served in comprehensive services in FY 2022 and 32,699 in FY 2023
  - Average of 2.74 hours of service per month delivered per child



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## Appropriations and Performance Measures – Historical Comparisons

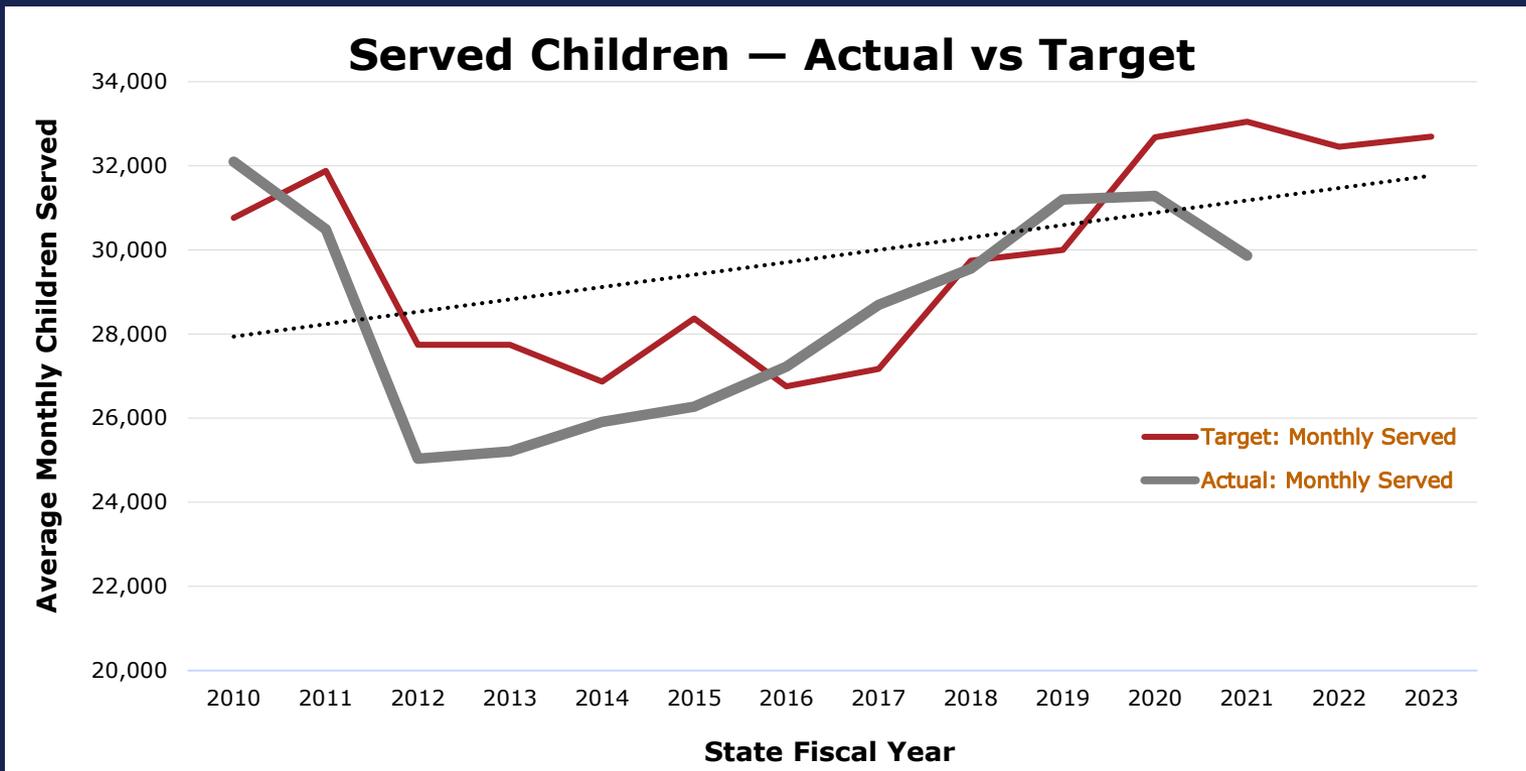




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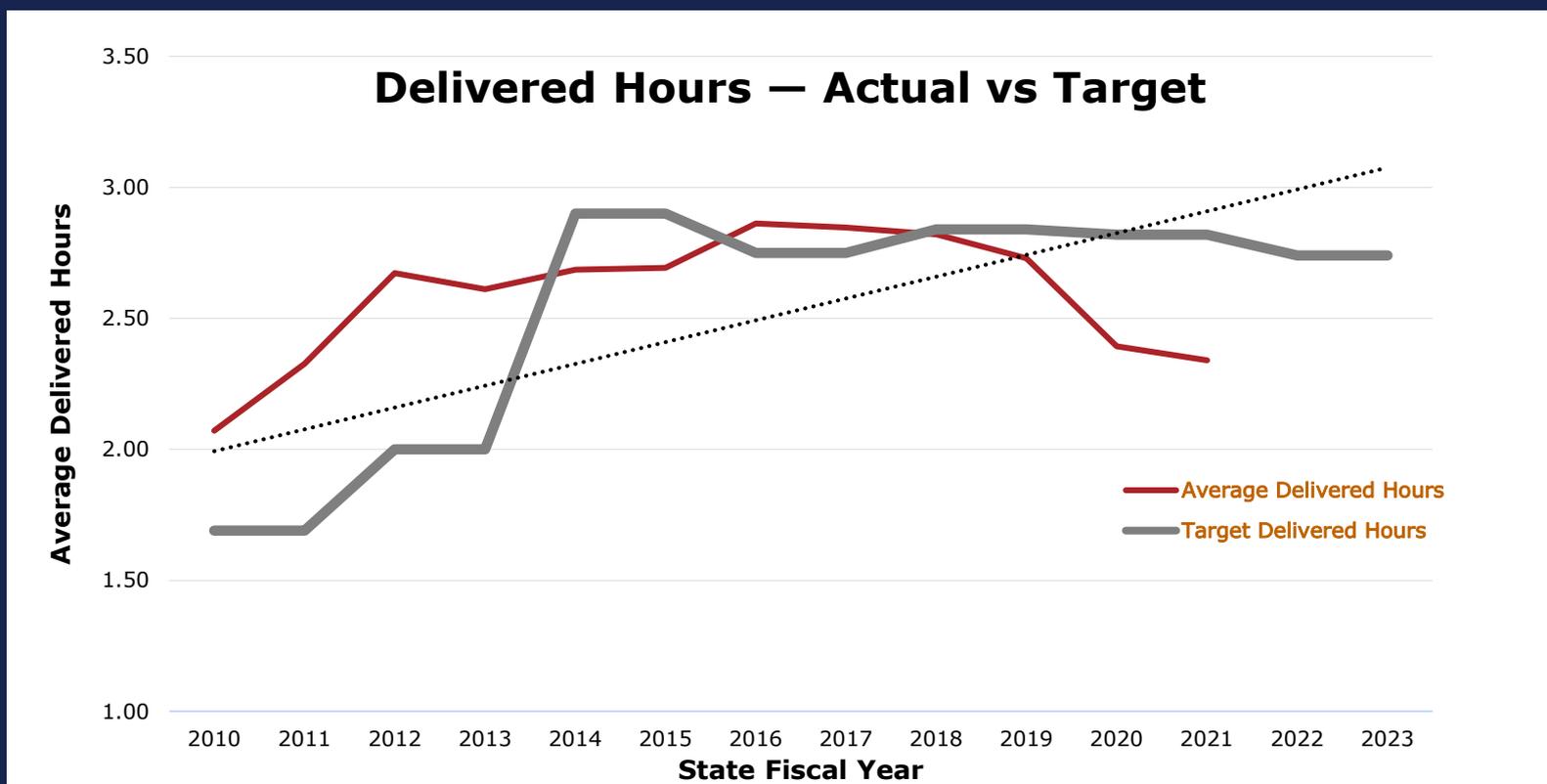




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## Appropriations and Performance Measures – Historical Comparisons





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## Significant Budget Riders and Legislation

- **Rider 73** limits the amount of federal funds that can be used for ECI without written approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor.
- **Rider 74** requires ECI to report certain performance metrics and contract milestones to the LBB and the Governor annually.



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## Significant Budget Riders and Legislation

- **HB 4** allows Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) recipients to receive targeted case management and physical therapy via telehealth and requires reimbursement.
- **HB 1363** allows physical therapists who have a doctorate and who have completed a residency or fellowship or are certified by an entity approved by the board to provide treatment for up to 15 consecutive business days without a prescription from a physician.



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## Significant Budget Riders and Legislation

- **SB 40** allows speech-language pathology assistants and interns to provide telehealth services and allows supervision and observation via telehealth.
- **SB 475** requires all state agency contracts which authorize contractors to access, transmit or store agency data to require the contractor to meet certain security controls, and to provide evidence they meet the required controls.



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# Next Steps

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- FY 2022 contracts reflecting FY 2022 allocations and performance measures executed by 8/31.
- Amendments to FY 2022 contracts to add one-time American Rescue Plan funding, as well as funding from the personnel retention grant funding and Texas Workforce Commission. Contract language may be added to implement new requirements.



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# Sustainability and Efficiency Initiatives

- Redistributing contract funds to avoid lapse and address needs.
- Supporting personnel retention activities.
- Providing coaching and early brain development training.
- Amending rules to streamline credentialing requirements.
- Securing electronic signature technology.



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# Sustainability and Efficiency Initiatives

- Bulk purchasing Battelle Developmental Inventory (BDI) and Developmental Assessment for Young Children (DAYC) materials.
- Assigning a dedicated managed care organization liaison.
- Undertaking an assessment of our child find system.



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# Thank you

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