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Although most Early Intervention Specialists are aware of the Global Child Outcomes, you may not be as familiar with the Family Indicator, also known as Family Outcomes. Like the Global Child Outcomes, ratings on the Family Indicator for the State of Texas are reported annually to OSEP. The Indicator refers to the percentage of families who report ECI has helped them:

1. know their rights,
2. effectively communicate their children's needs, and
3. help their children develop and grow.

In Texas, a sample of families who've been enrolled in ECI for at least six months receive a survey with 47 questions related to the three family outcomes. All members of a family's ECI team, not just the assigned Service Coordinator, are responsible for helping the family achieve the three outcomes included in the Indicator. SST is a critical service for addressing the outcome, "Families help their child develop and learn." As an EIS, one of your primary roles is showing families how to incorporate activities/strategies that will enhance their child's development into their daily lives. SST is more than teaching the child new skills; its true purpose is helping parents learn how to improve their child's developmental trajectory.

Below is the summary of family outcomes from the statewide report that gets sent out every year.

Family Outcomes Survey: Approach and Methodology

Description of Survey

- The Family Outcomes Survey is the result of collaborative effort between ECI and the Early Childhood Outcome (ECO) Center
- There are two sections of the Family Outcomes Survey.
 - Section A focuses on the perspective of the family regarding how helpful ECI services have been for them.
 - Section B focuses on family outcomes which reflect how the family views their ability to support their child's needs.
- The survey has 47 questions.
- The response scale for each item ranges from one to five, with five being the most positive response option.
- The survey was available in English and Spanish.

Resources

The data and reports for the Family Outcome Survey can be found on the [Texas Health and Human Services ECI](#) website.