

# Pennsylvania's Early Intervention Program



# CONNECT to Early Intervention

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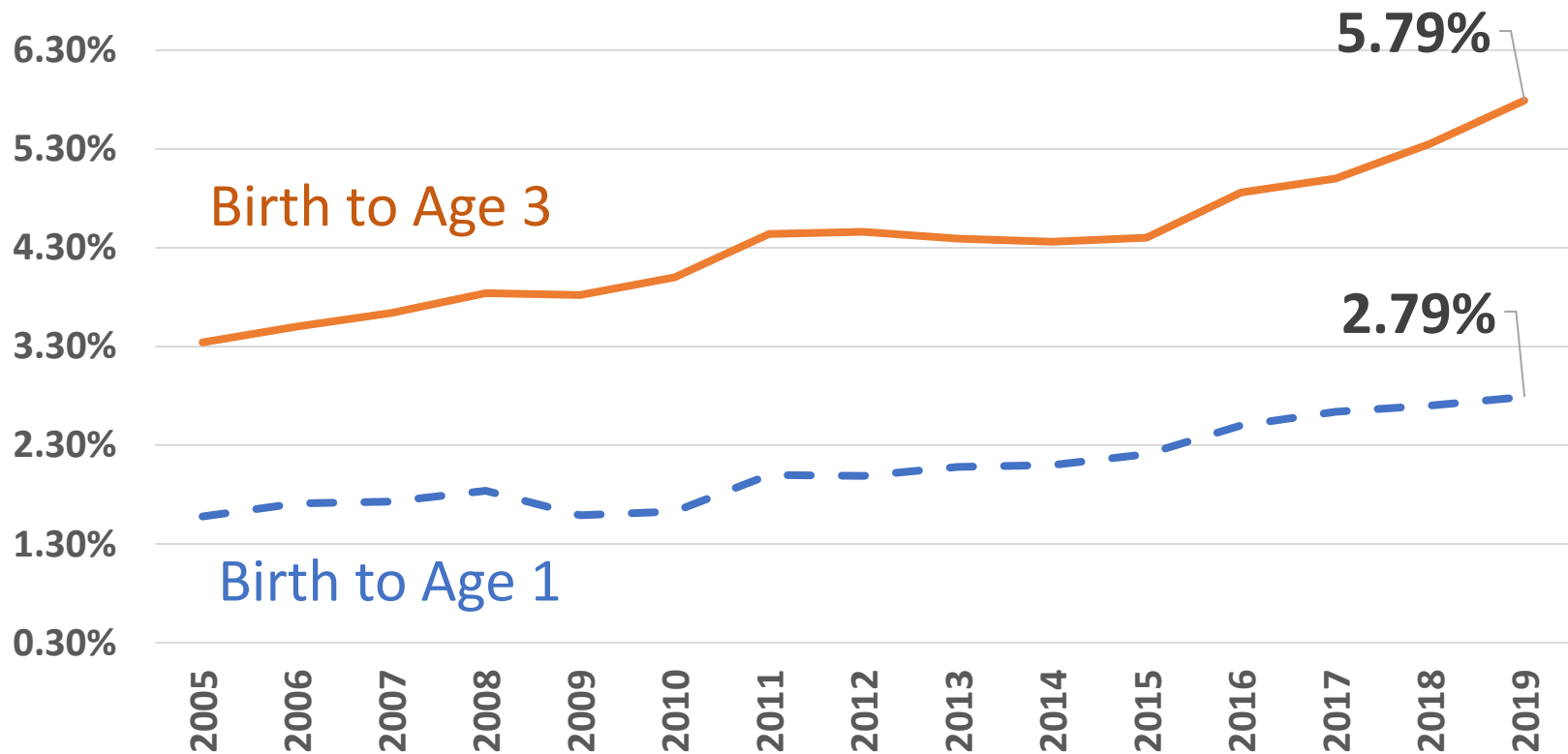
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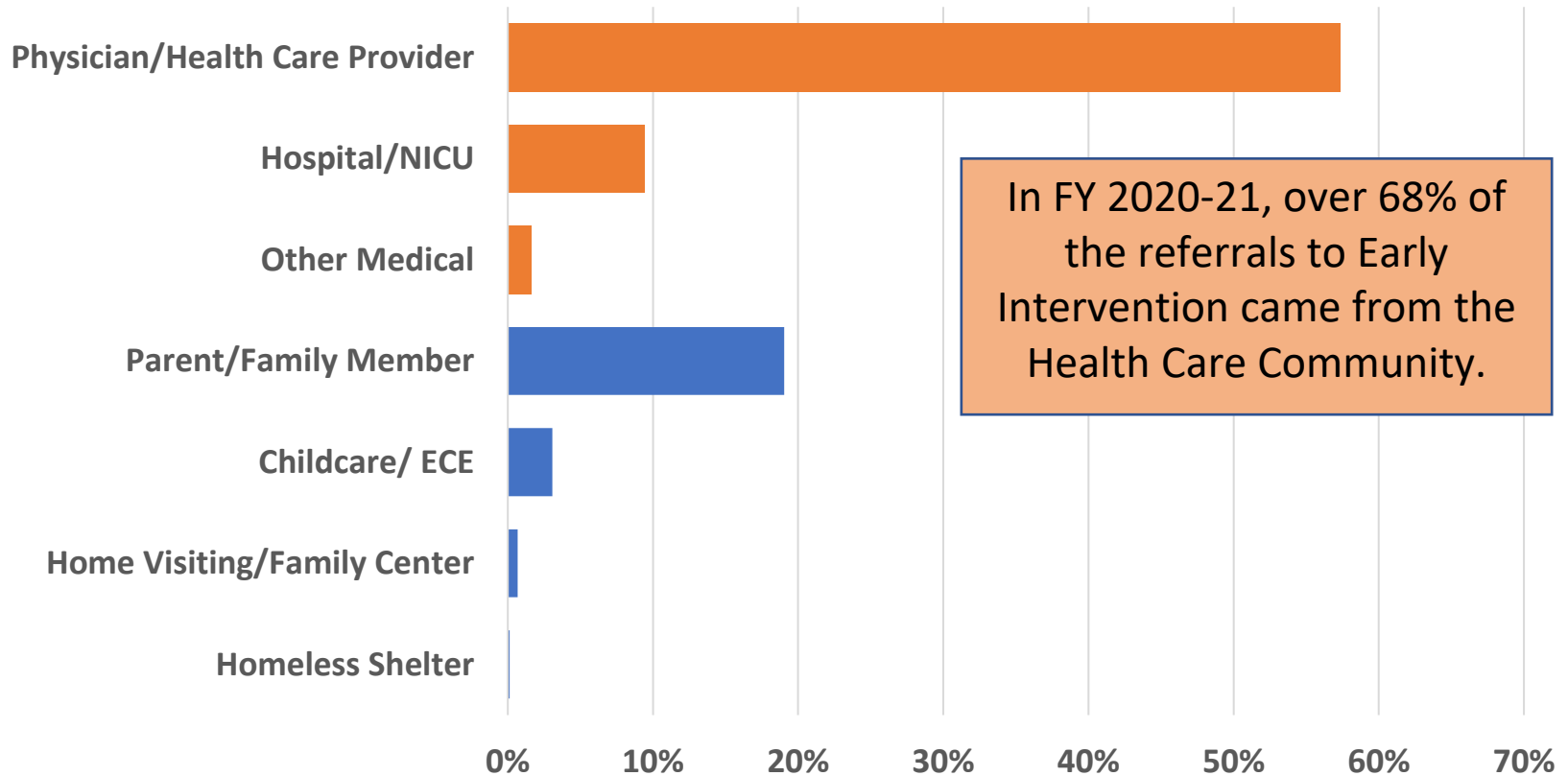
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# CONNECTING with children as young as possible



# The Health Care Community leads in referrals to Early Intervention



# Four Steps to Ensuring a Smooth Referral

1. Talk to family about your concerns
  2. Talk to family about the Early Intervention Referral Process
  3. Check back with the family about their referral
  4. Document referral information and concerns for the receiving physician
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# How does Early Intervention work?



Initial Contact

Screening

Developmental  
Evaluation

If eligible,  
IFSP/IEP  
services

# Early Intervention Tracking Program

An infant or toddler may be eligible for tracking services if they are at risk for a developmental delay due to:

- Low birth weight
  - Cared for in a hospital's neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)
  - Prenatal substance exposure, including alcohol exposure
  - Referred by a county children and youth agency
  - Exposed to lead
  - Experiencing homelessness
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# Early Intervention Service Delivery

- Provide services through coaching supports
- Evidence-based and individualized for the child and his or her family, caregiver, and early childhood education
- Young children learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with nurturing people in familiar contexts





# Early Intervention and Health Care Community Partnerships

- Data sharing agreements
- Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant (ECCS)

# County Spotlight

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# Breakout Questions

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