



Promoting high quality inclusive preschool services in Indiana

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Today's Agenda

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1. Context
2. What we know about preschool inclusion & impact
3. Challenges facing our state
4. Possible solutions
5. Upcoming professional development opportunities



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Context

Preschool Inclusion/ Impact Project

- Partnership between IDOE and Early Childhood Center, IIDC, IU
- Assessing current services and impact
- Working with individual districts to improve inclusion/impact

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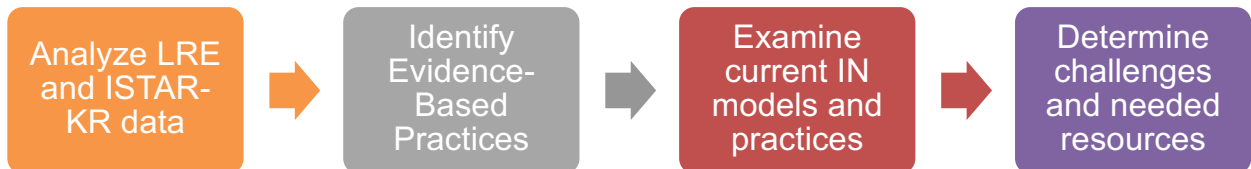


How well are we providing accessible and equitable services for preschoolers with disabilities?



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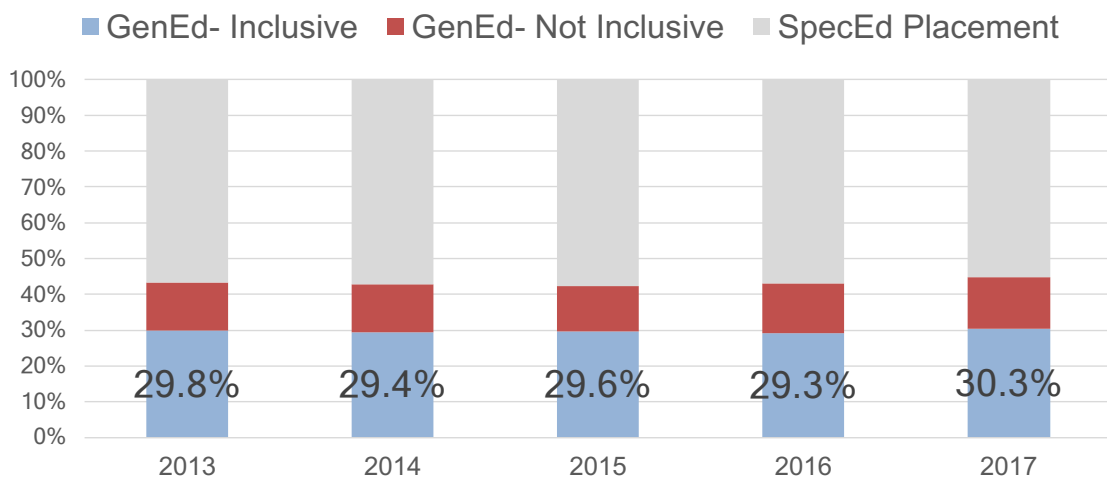
What We Set Out To Do



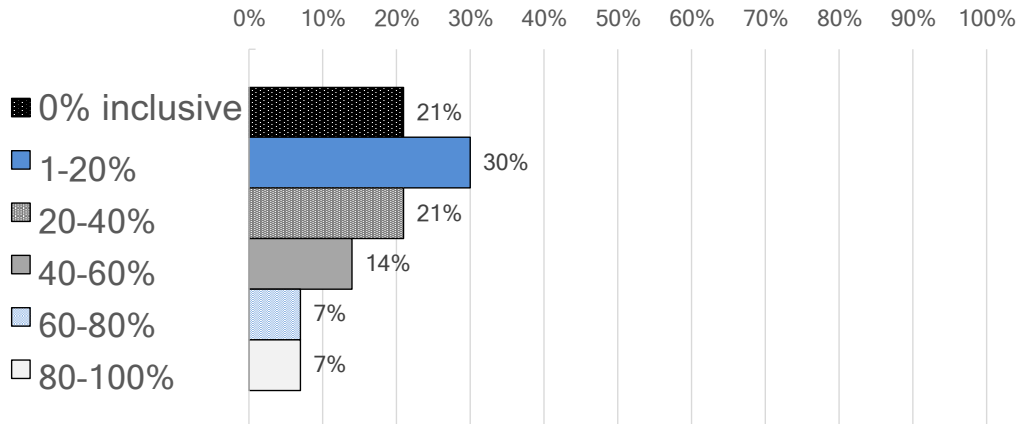
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What we know about preschool inclusion

Over the past 5 years, Indiana has served less than 1 in 3 preschoolers in general early education

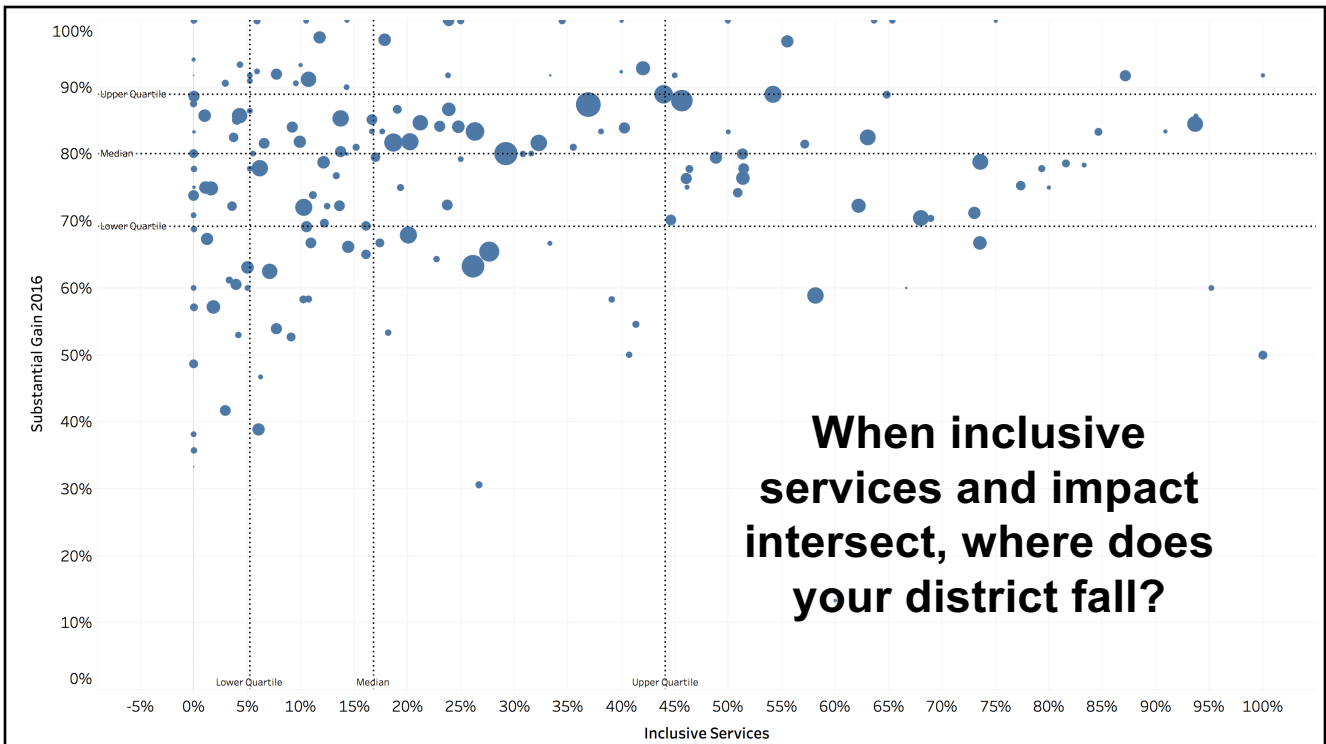
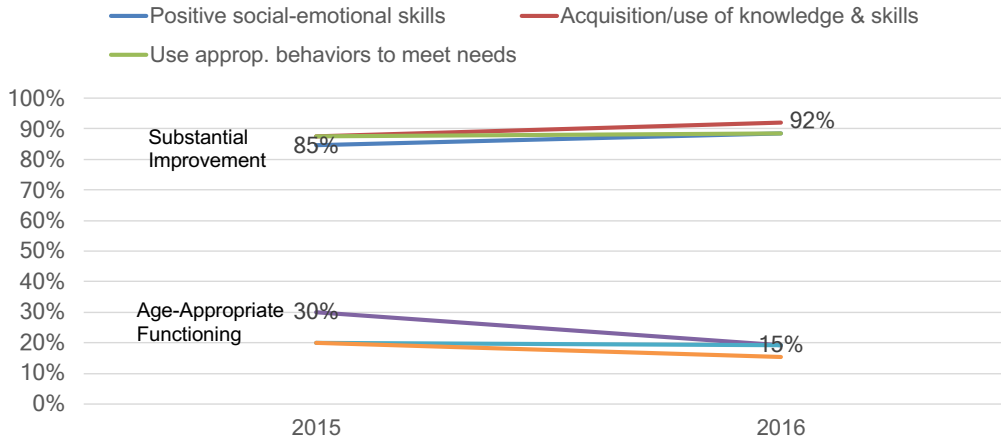


Only 1 in 5 districts serve a majority of their preschoolers in inclusive settings



What we know about preschool impact

Percentage of Preschoolers Showing Improvement Over Time



So, what are the challenges ... and what can we do about them?

Reported Challenges

How do I provide
special education or
therapy services?

What about children
with intense needs?

We don't have a
general early
education program?

I will be in
someone else's
classroom. What
do I do?



What does *inclusive* special ed look like?

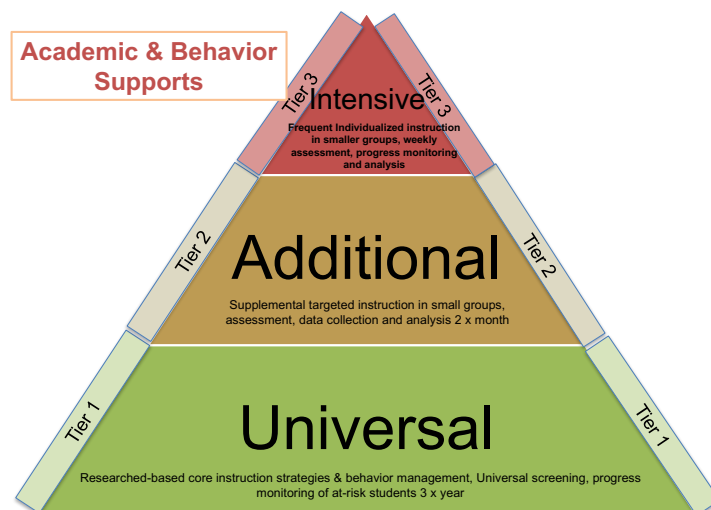
- Routines-based intervention
- Embedded instruction
- Co-teaching
- Minimize pull-out



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What about children with intense needs?

- Ongoing assessment
- Universal supports
- Targeted supports
- Individualized supports
- Minimize pull-out



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We don't have an early education program

- PreK programs in public schools
- PreK funded by multiple sources
- Community partners



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How do I work in someone else's classroom?

- Negotiate roles/curriculum/practices
- Collaborative service models
- Universal Design of Learning

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"What's important is that we found some common ground. Let's try not to get bogged down over who found it first."



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Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Brown bag webinar series- Preschool Inclusion

11:45 – 12:45 (all sessions will be recorded)

Topic	Date
Foundations of high quality inclusion	March 15, 2018
Universal design in early education	March 22, 2018
Social and behavioral instructional strategies	March 29, 2018
Early academic instructional strategies	April 5, 2018
Collaborative service strategies	April 12, 2018
Family engagement	April 19, 2018
Summer Institute (tentative)	July 16-20, 2018



Questions?



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