

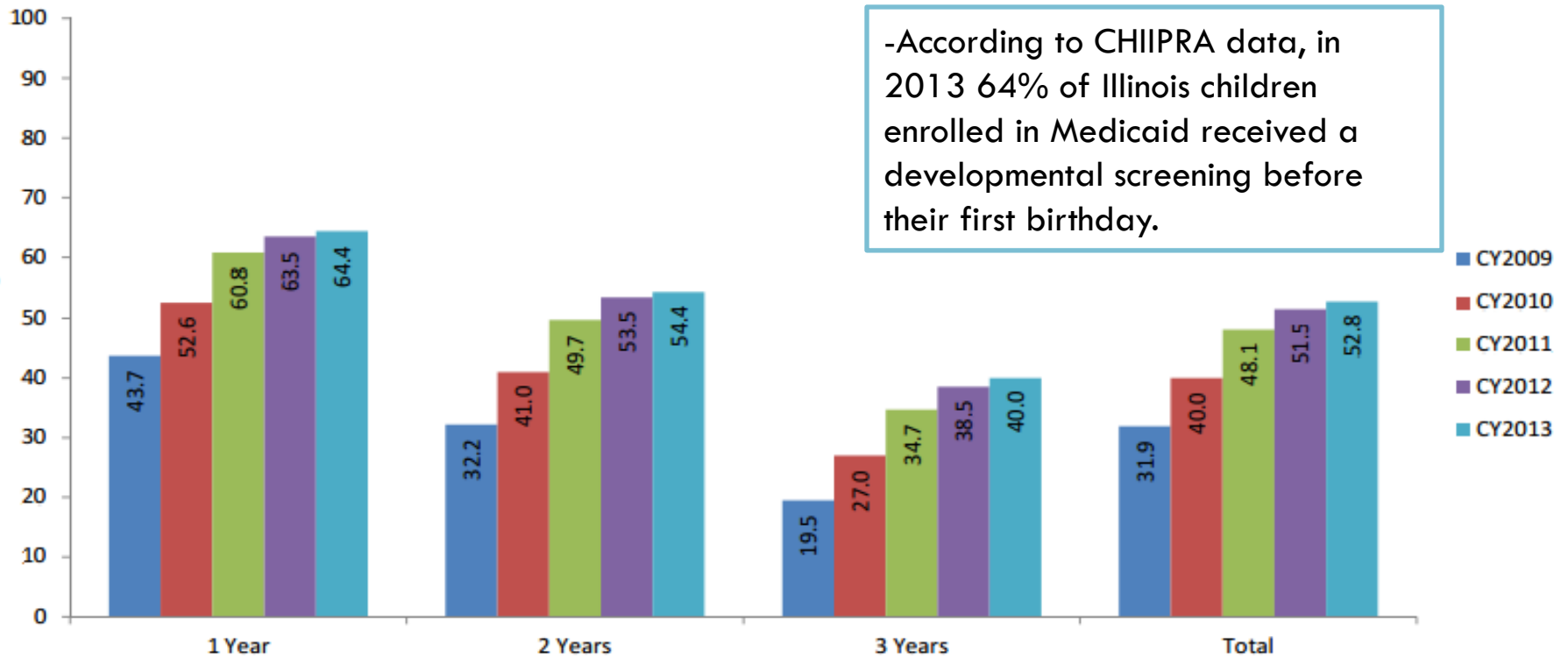
BEYOND COVERAGE: SUPPORTING HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD ACROSS ILLINOIS



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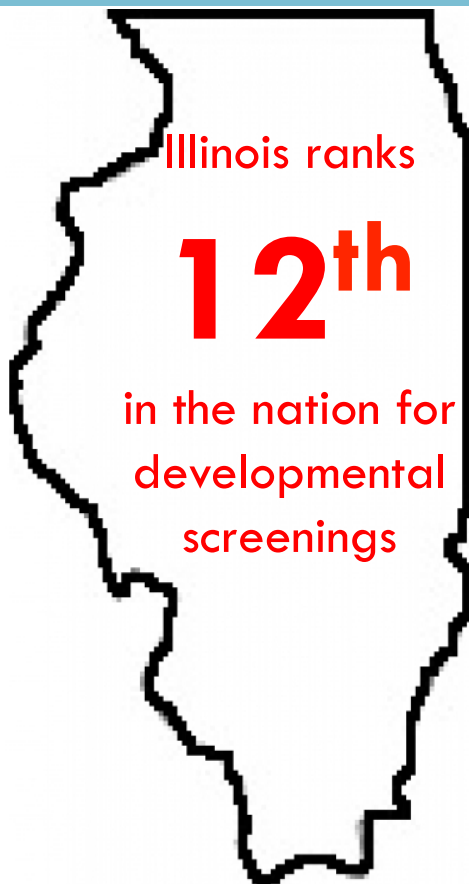
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Source: CHIPRA Core Set of Children's Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and CHIP: Illinois' Performance Calendar Year 2009 through 2013

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/2014CHIPRAChildCoreSetDatabook.pdf>

More Developmental Screening Data



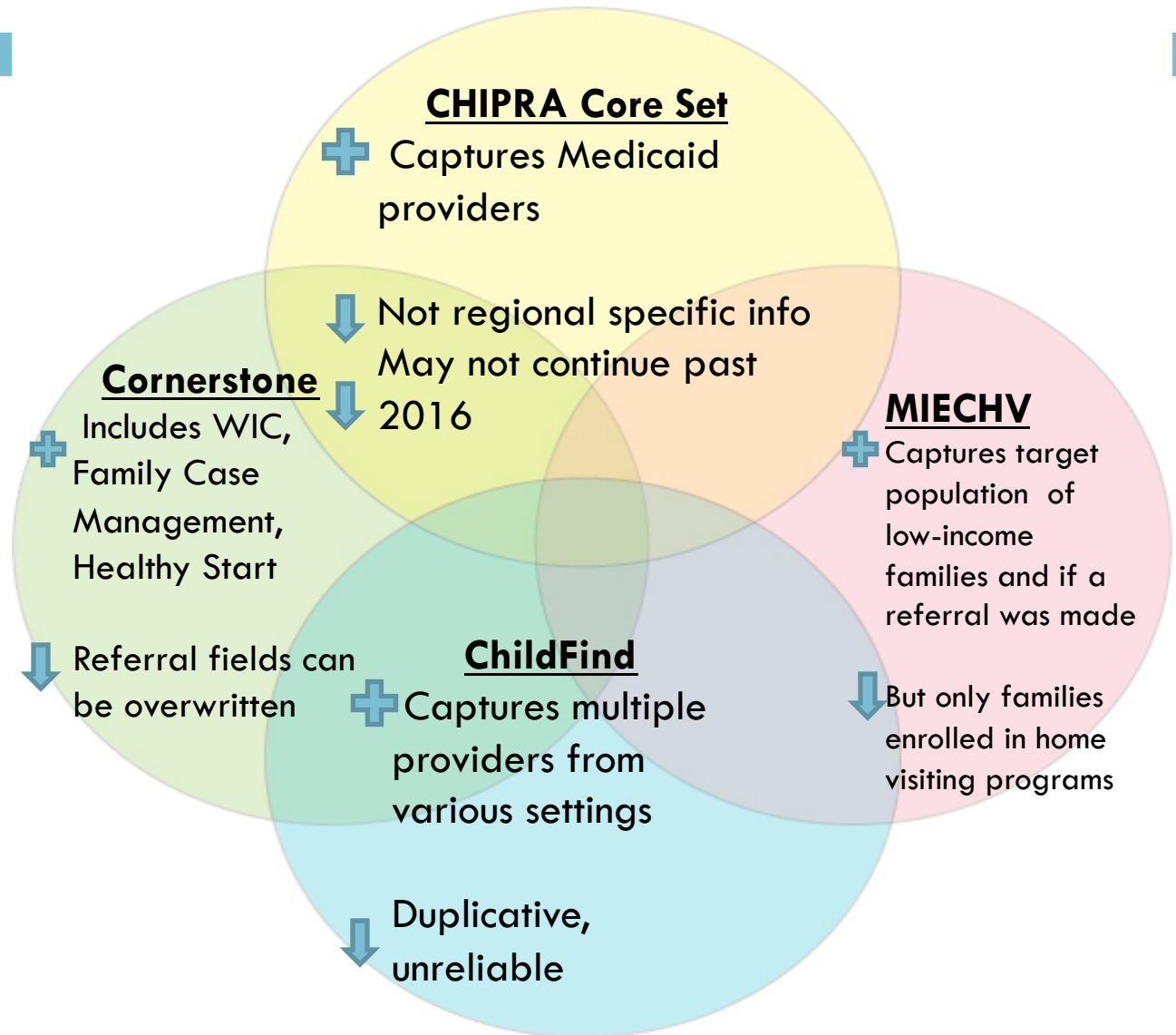
- Only 34% of parents report their child being screened for developmental, mental, or social delays.
- IL is ranked 4th highest in the nation for children at moderate risk for developmental, mental, or social delays

Source: National Survey of Children's Health, NCSH 2011/12.1 Indicator 2.2 and Indicator 4.16: Developmental screening during health care visit, age 10 months-5 years, and indicator 2.2 Data query from the Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health website.

Retrieved [3/15/16] from: www.childhealthdata.org

Developmental Screening Data Deficiencies

- No Illinois data set reflects **every** developmental screening that take place across the state or subsequent referrals to early intervention.



Project Goals



Increase the percentage of children receiving developmental screenings and effective early intervention referral/services by early childhood providers



Advance our state's ability to identify when, where, and how children are getting screened and referred to/receiving EI services, and hold systems and providers accountable



Ensure that our state makes full use of available Medicaid dollars to:

1. Expand the universe of early childhood providers receiving reimbursement for conducting development services (i.e. Home Visitors)
2. Provide a screening for children at any time of concern- even beyond the periodicity schedule

Public and Private Partners



Early Learning Council



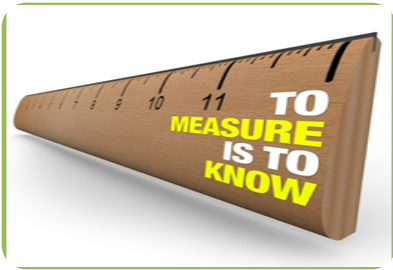
American Academy of Pediatrics
Illinois Chapter



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Accomplishments

- ✓ Provide training for health care providers on the importance of developmental screenings and Early Intervention
- ✓ Increased awareness among parents on importance of developmental screening through Connect4Tots mobile mHealth campaign
- ✓ Successfully advocated for ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) to release rules to provide ongoing (as opposed to annual) developmental screening opportunities through ChildFind



- ✓ Worked with a major hospital to identify developmental screening opportunities, including implementing ASQ developmental screening at all outpatient clinics and embedding the EL Standardized Referral Form in the EMR
- ✓ Authored an objective and associated strategies included in Healthy Chicago 2.0 to increase the number of children with Individual Family Services Plans



Accomplishments

HEALTHY CHICAGO 2.0
PARTNERING TO IMPROVE HEALTH EQUITY
2016 - 2020

GOAL 2 Ensure families have access to resources necessary to support appropriate health and development for infants and young children ages 0-5

Objective

- Increase the number of children with Individualized Family Service Plans^a

Strategies

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✓ Successfully advocated to maintain eligibility levels and uninterrupted funding for EI and other critical social and medical services, despite unprecedented state budget impasse



In Progress

- Actively advocating for EI and Chicago Public Schools to pursue medicaid reimbursement for conducting screenings
- Working with HFS to clarify that medical providers can bill for developmental screenings outside of the periodicity schedule.

Areas of Opportunity

Discussions with the Department of Health Care and Family Services and various health care providers and plans reveal an opportunity to improve understanding among stakeholders regarding how and when Medicaid enrollees are informed of developmental screenings.

Reconciling Developmental Screening data from several different sources to **make informed decisions about policy opportunities**. Also fighting to make sure **Illinois continues to report CHIPRA Data**, both to CMS and Illinois public.

Ensuring providers are reimbursed for providing screenings for children beyond the 3rd year and outside the periodicity schedule.

How do you approach “screening”?

- We define “screening” to include developmental AND social/emotional screening.
- We helped introduce SB565 to require both screens as part of the school health exam and enrollment.
- We also promote consumer and provider education about all required EPSDT services.