

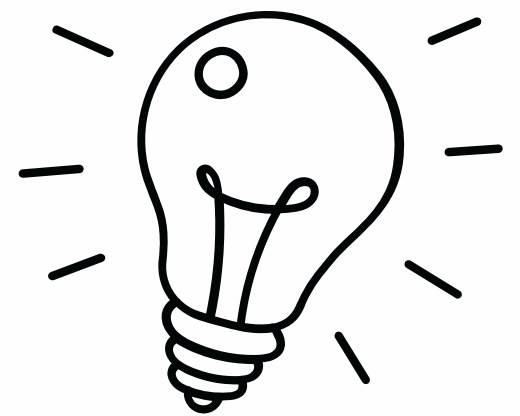
EARLY INTERVENTION PROVIDER SHORTAGE INITIATIVE



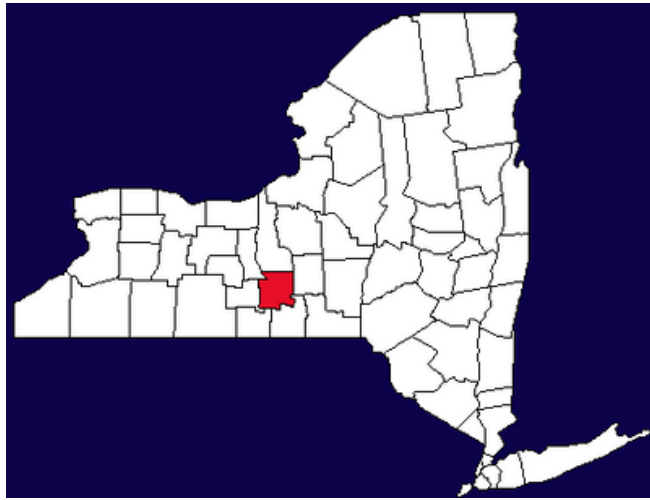
Tompkins County Whole Health



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Tompkins County



Tompkins County is located in the Central Finger Lakes Region of New York State at the southern tip of 40 - mile - long Cayuga Lake.

It is 492 sq miles and home to many waterfalls, gorges and beautiful lakefront.

It also offers access to 28,000 acres of public forestland for hiking, mountain biking and outdoor recreation.

Population

Total - 103,558

Children under 5 years old - 5,177



Early Intervention Program

Director, 1 Senior Nurse, 2 Initial Service Coordinators, 4 Ongoing Service Coordinators and 3 Administrative Staff

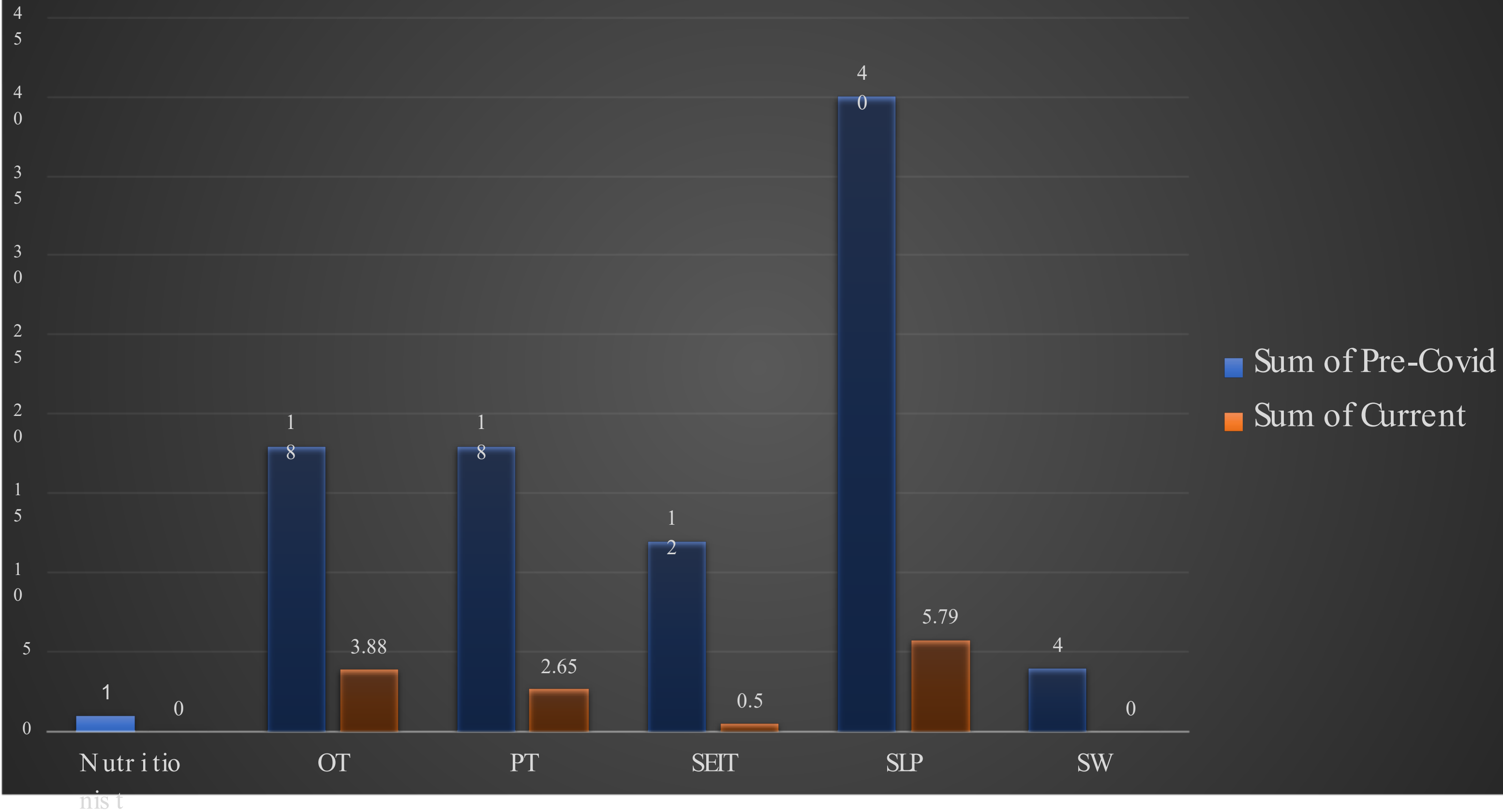


Providers/Agencies

4 Agencies/9 Active Independent Providers



Early Intervention Providers Pre and Post Covid



Original Proposals to Legislature

* Hire County Providers

5 providers positions to provide direct therapy and Core Evaluations:

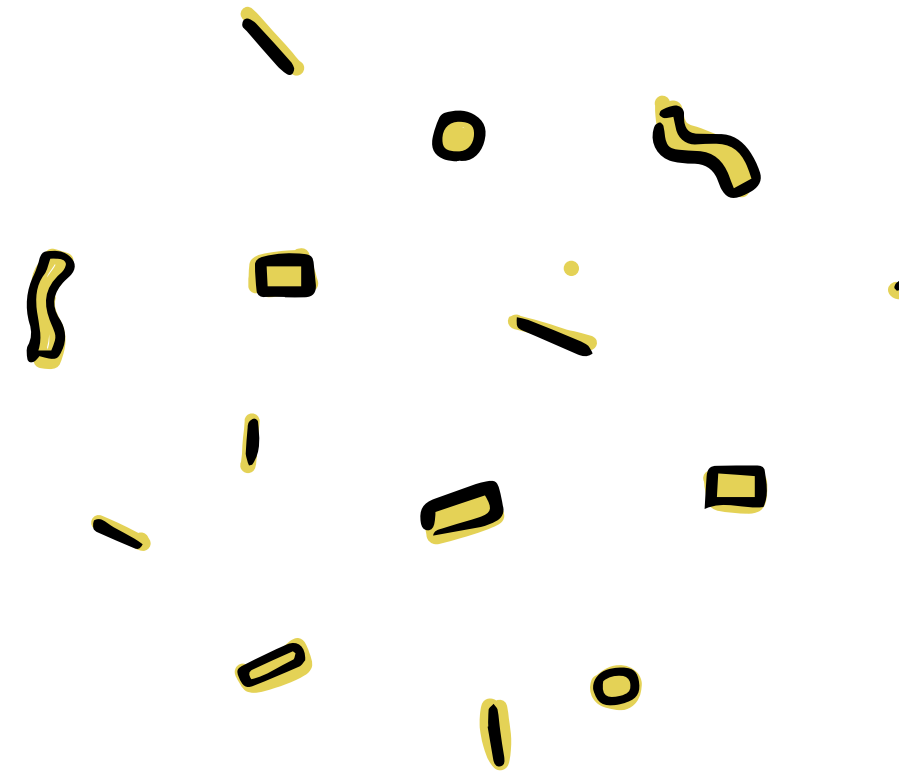
- 2 Speech Therapists
- 1 Special Instruction Teacher
- 1 Physical Therapist
- .20 FTE Social Worker

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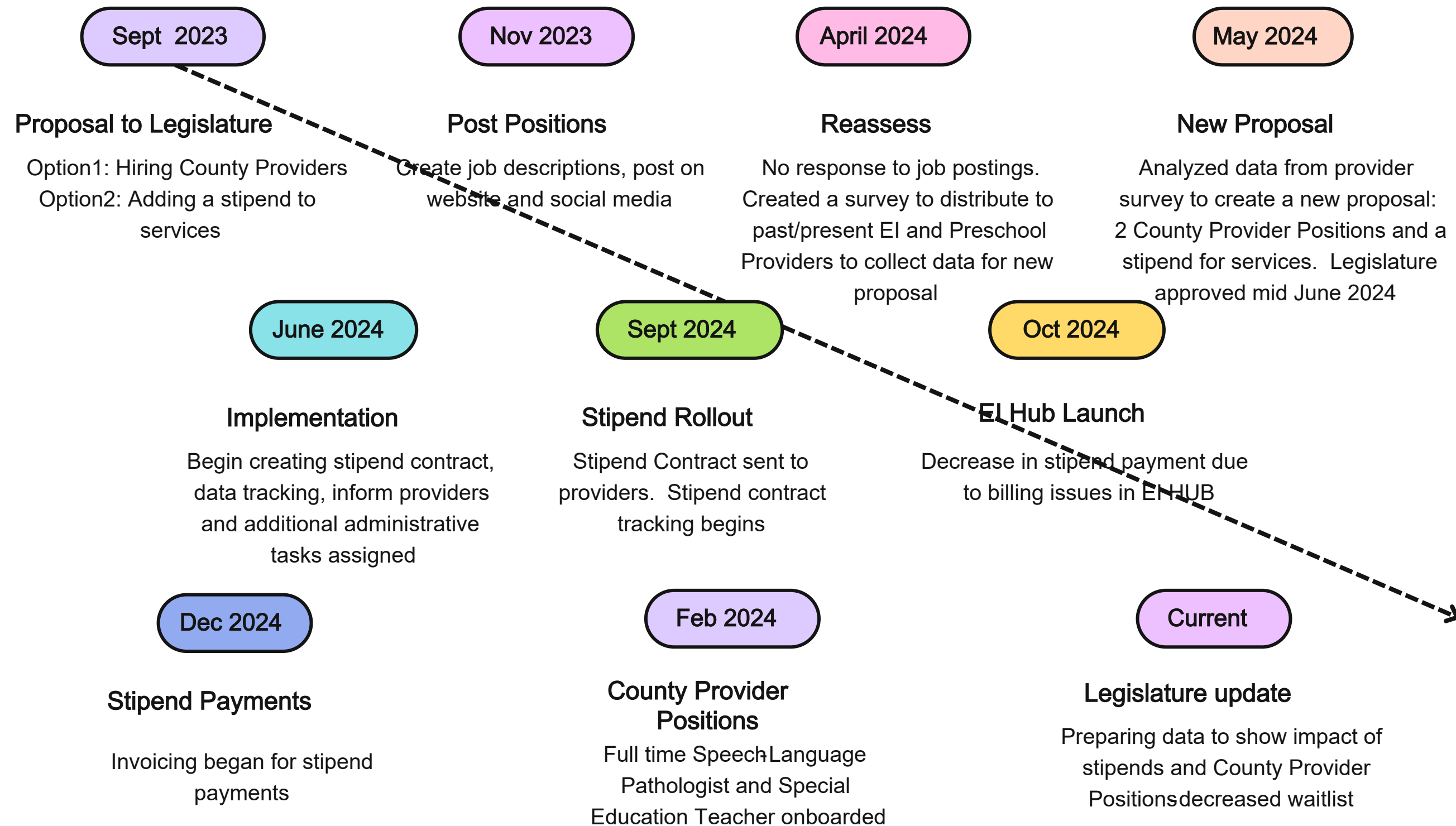
* Stipend for Services

Adding a \$56 stipend to below services:

- Speech Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Special Instruction
- Social Work
- Nutrition



Timeline



CHALLENGES



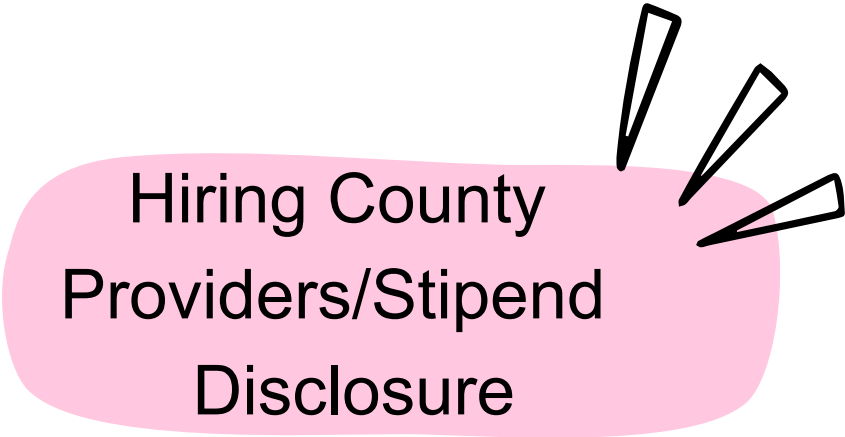
Launched in October 2024. Stipend payment contingent on up - to - date billing. Providers not billing due to many factors.



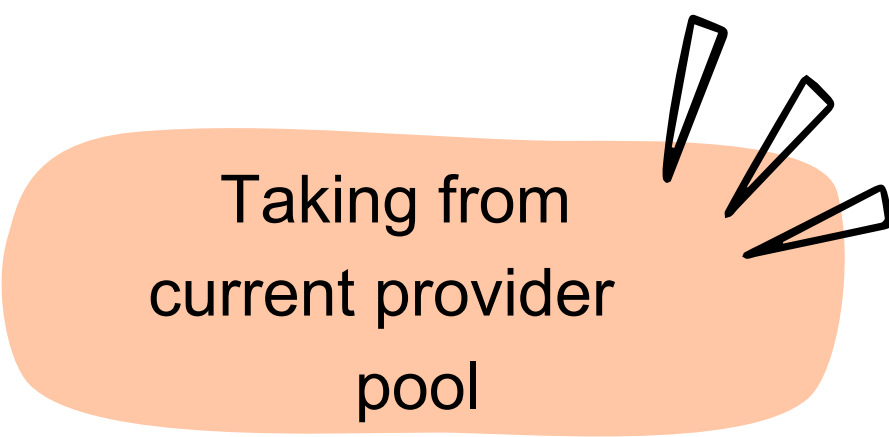
Administrative time to create contracts and review invoices. Unsure if Agencies would pass stipend payments to providers.



Data tracking, financial tracking, reporting to County Administration and Legislature and report out to Board of Health Monthly.



Creating job postings and descriptions, Quality Assurance documents, Approval to add services to our State Contract, managing providers and tracking caseload. Disclosing timeframe for the position and stipends for Independent Providers.



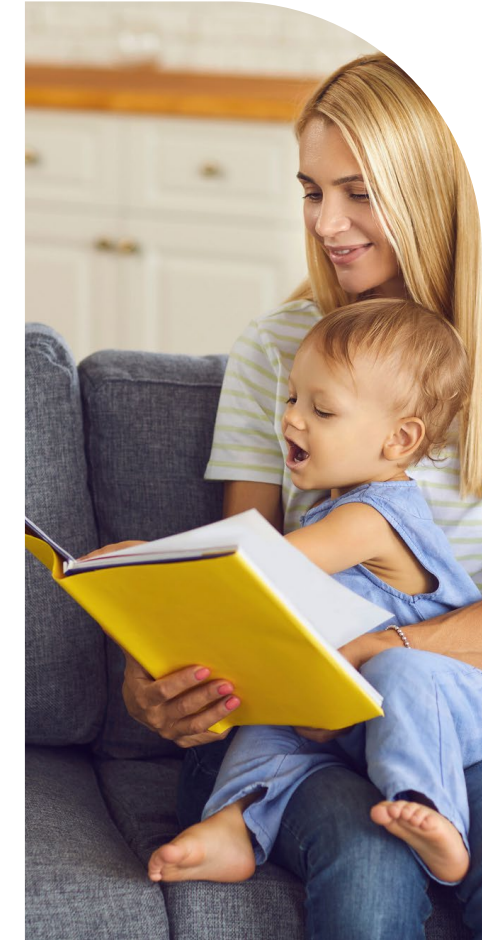
Understanding that hiring from our current provider pool is not going to make an impact on our waitlists.





Impacts

- Hired two County Providers - SLP and SIT
- Occupational Therapy waitlist went from 20 children to 0
- Speech Waitlist decreased by 30 children
- Special Instruction waitlist went from 27 to 0
- 5 new Independent Providers Contracted with the State since September 2024
- No providers left during EI Hub Launch
- Added additional 10 Core slots a month (Agency).

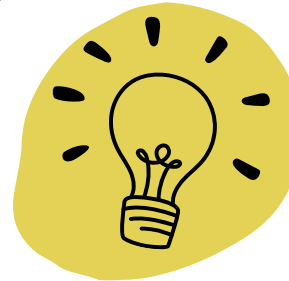


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