

Welcome to the First Friday Focus! It will provide quick updates to spotlight what's going on in First Steps and will be sent through the listserv the first Friday of every month.

1. You make a difference in the lives of children and families in Kentucky by using your expertise to coach caregivers as they support their children's learning and development during typical routines and activities.

2. Your caseload may be growing! We are currently serving over 4,100 children and families across Kentucky. This number is the highest we have seen in a year, and we are excited to see the increase in referrals.

3. All First Steps providers now have access to the Find/Edit User feature on TOTS to update their availability as necessary. See the attached Quick Reference Guide to learn how. Keep in mind that if your availability is blank or has zeros, you will not be pulled as an available provider when Service Coordinators search the Provider Matrix.

4. You have the flexibility to develop a schedule that works best for you and your family. You can choose to provide early intervention services on weekdays, evenings, or weekends. Many of you are going above and beyond to meet the needs of our families. We see you and thank you!

Parent Quote:

"Our provider saved our life! We are so grateful for all of the help and insight she provided us! My child is doing wonderful now and I know how to help him when he is struggling with something. Thank you!"