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Thank you for joining I want to let, you know, upfront that this session may run over a little bit. So, if you need to log off at 2:30, that's fine.

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You can still access the recording at a later time, but we will be going in depth on our Indicator 11, and we want to allow some time to really help people understand the potential pitfalls that we are seeing with the data.

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So, I'm going to take just a minute and go over some logistics.

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To enable captions and highlight panel, please click the blue circle with the dot icon at the bottom of the screen. To enable closed captioning, click the CC icon at the bottom of the screen. And this session is being recorded and will be posted on the federal reporting section of the website once again I thank you for joining.

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And we'll welcome any questions you may have regarding federal reporting feel free to unmute your Mike or submit your questions in the chat.

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So, as we're waiting for some questions to come in, I'll go over some updates and reminders regarding federal reporting.

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During this session, I'll be covering various federal reporting topics, including indicator. 711 and 12.

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So, starting with Indicator 7. Indicator 7 opens on August 1st and must be certified by August 19.

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It's based on the data from July 1, 2021 through June30th, 2022, and captures the percent of preschool students, ages 3 to 5 with improved childhood outcomes in the following areas:

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Positive emotional skills, acquisition and use of knowledge and skills and use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs. 00:01:41.010 -->

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In preparation for indicator. 7, there are some things that you can check for accuracy and the student record.

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The 1st screenshot shows a link to the resource document ECATS Indicator 7 reporting checklist, which is available from the federal reporting tab located in the main menu of the resources section.

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The 2nd screenshot shows the following things to check for accuracy in the student record such as student is between ages 3 and 6, as of the COSF Exit Date.

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Student received services in Pre K for at least 6 months and that's from their active and PreK services start date to their active in PreK services completion date.

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And the student has an Exit COSF between the reporting period begin and end date, which is 7/1/21 through 6/30/22.

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So, let's look at what to do when a student transfers from one with no documentation of an Entry COSF and the child has been enrolled in PreK for at least 6 months.

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EC preschool staff could enter the information from the initial eligibility as entry if there wasn't one previously entered. This would provide the growth data from the beginning of services until exit.

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If the student has been enrolled and receiving services for 6 months or more, the screenshot displays the field in which you can document personnel from the previous district if necessary.

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As a reminder, the Indicator 7 report is currently available for you to check your data and address any possible errors that must be corrected before the certification window opens in August.

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You'll also find the training video and additional resources on Indicator 7 from the main menu resources section.

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It's important for charter schools to review the indicator 7 report to identify students who transfer to the charter school with coast of data from the previous district.

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If the student currently enrolled in the charter school is missing Exit COSF data, the charter schools can contact the previous district and request the Exit COSF data so the charter school can enter and finalize the data in ECATS.

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And as a reminder, if you are a charter school, all charter schools must certify the Indicator of 11 report, regardless of... sorry, Indicator 7 report, regardless of whether or not you serve kindergarten students. So, just go in run the indicator 7 reports even if there's no data, you can go and certify it as you do any other report.

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So the NCDPI team participating in the Early Childhood Technical Assistance and Data Systems Cohort, has developed the tips and tricks resource based on requests from the field and this tips and tricks resource and pallet provides various resources for staff to quickly access tools or learn more about childhood outcomes, family engagement, data collection, and more. So, please share this resource with your teams and your staff and we'll, I think Khalilah just posted the link into the chat. Yes, she did.

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So, feel free to access that palette and bookmark it and share it with your staff.

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Indicator 11 opens October 3<sup>rd</sup> and closes October 31<sup>st</sup>. Indicator 11 captures that percentage of timely placement within 90 days that occurred during the 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022 reporting period as a reminder.

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The Indicator 11 report is currently available for you to check your data and address any possible errors that must be corrected before the certification window opens in October.

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When you run your Indicator 11 report, it is very important that you also review the student details tab to check for accuracy. In addition to reviewing the Exceptions, the Student Details tab to check for accuracy in addition to reviewing the exceptions.

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The training video and other resources on the Indicator 11 count are accessible from the ECATS main menu new resources section.

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And at this point, I'm going to try to turn it over to Patti and she's going to talk to us a little bit about things to check for Indicator 11.

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Okay, Kelly, the sound was breaking in and out so I don't know if that's on my end or your end, but I'm gonna go ahead and get started. And if it starts struggling if you'll just take over. Um, and then I'll know to stop.

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Absolutely.

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Hey, Patti. It is going in and out. Yes, it is going in and out. So, I'll, I'll take over.

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Sorry, thank you. I hope I'll do a good job as Patti does.

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She does a really excellent job on this. But, in preparation for Indicator 11, there are some things to check for accuracy in the student record.

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If the initial placement process ended after the 90 day timeline, the initial placement delay reason must be documented on the data collection screen. I do want to take a moment to share the reminder that the delay reason, COVID-19 is still available under the data collection screen.

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However, selecting this delay reason does not exclude the record from indicator 11 and will not result in a higher final percentage rate. districts will still need to follow up with their monitoring consultants to ensure eligibility in placement decisions are made as soon as possible.

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So, that's one of the questions that we've had this year as we've been working with districts on their Indicator 11 follow-up is, hey, these students had COVID delay reasons. Why am I, why are they still counting against us?

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OSEP did not give us a waiver for Indicator 11, any States a waiver for Indicator 11. So, we are still required to meet the 100% target.

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And if we don't, we still have to do correction of noncompliance around those records. So that is why those are still counted against us.

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We did ask you guys to use that delay reason, during the time, after the governor's order to close schools so that, one, you could track students who were affected by COVID.

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But also, so that we could report on that in our... the impact that had on our students, particularly around Indicator 11.

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Also on this slide, you'll see the screenshot referencing the consent for services response. If the initial placement was within the ninety days, the consent for services response must be submitted on the consent screen.

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And this is another major issue that we've seen in our Indicator eleven data is that folks are taking the hit on a delay for students that are not actually delayed because they haven't properly documented their consent for services response.

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And so, it's really important that you first look at the Student Details tab. Look for those students who say missing delay reason and are missing their consent for services response so that that column will be blank.

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And then check on those records and see if you actually do have a consent response, it's just not been documented in them.

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Because the easiest thing to do is go to your Exceptions tab where it says missing delay reason and go ahead and pop in those delay reasons and certify.

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But what you're doing is you're harming yourself, because, if those consent for services were actually signed and correct and just not documented, then those students are actually not delayed and will not count against you.

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So, it's really important to check that also.

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Just remember, for same day corrections, once you document any kind of correction in a student record, and you want to see a same day update on your report, go to the Student Level Report View detail screen and click update report.

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We're going to hit this consent ad nauseum, because it really is an issue that we're seeing across the state. So again it's important to remember to submit the consent response on the EC Process Consent screen.

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Remember that this is a multiple step process. So, 1st, you'll go into EC Process and then select Consent to create the consent document and have it signed.

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After you finalize the consent document, a PDF doc copy will display on the document screen. Notice that in the screenshot you're looking at there's an open checkbox next to the document.

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This indicates that you finalized the consent document, but the response has not yet been submitted on the EC Process Consent screen.

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After you receive the written response to the consent document, you go back into EC Process Consent to document and submit the response.

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This will create an event on the Student History screen and cut down the volume of the initial placement delay reason errors that we're seeing.

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So, two quick ways to confirm that your consent response was submitted is from the Documents screen and the Student History screen. On the Documents screen, you should see a read E associated with the consent document.

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This indicates the consent response was submitted on the EC Process Consent screen.

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On the Student History screen, you should see the Provision of Services Parental Consent event and Parent Consent (Yes) event, which also indicates the consent response was submitted on the EC Process Consent screen.

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So, just remember when you go in and document that response, the 1st place I would go is to this Student History screen, and just make sure you see an event align, showing that consent has been submitted and it's now documented on Student History.

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Okay, so the final step in the consent process is to also upload a copy of the signed initial consent forms to the Document screen. This is needed for policy monitoring reviews.

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Patty what else did you say that that was used for?

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If we can hear you, if not, just pop it in the chat. It's used for policy monitoring reviews, but it also helps us get the form to completed and it gets them cleaned out for their next submission.

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Thank you. So, please be aware that only uploading the sign consent for services does not stop your 90 day timeline.

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Submitting the consent response from the EC Process Consent screen, which creates the Provision of Services Parental Consent event on the Student History screen is the mechanism that actually stops that 90 day process when a student is eligible.

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Also, remember that the green check mark on the Student History screen does not mean an initial placement process is complete. You must confirm that the Provision of Services Parental Consent event has been created on the Student History screen. So, that can be really confusing.

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If you go into your Student History, you see the green check mark. You think you're good, but you're not because you don't have your consent documented.

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So, this slide is a screenshot of what to look for when you're reviewing the Student Details tab in the Indicator 11 report.

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So, this is, you just go in, you're going into My Reports, Standard Reports, you're running your indicator 11 Count.

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And, you're reviewing it for accuracy and confirming that it aligns with what actually occurred in the process.

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So, for example, check the referral received by school date along with the referral determination date. If the referral received by school date and the referral determination date are documented as the same date, be sure to review your data to determine the circumstances in, which would have occurred on the same day.

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So, earlier when we were talking, Patti, described the situation where it's usually unlikely, not impossible, that a school system will receive a referral and then in that very same day be able to gather the team together and make a referral determination on that same day.

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So, you may want to go back and look at that. And, you can also further monitor that by reviewing your invitation to conference that was created. So, if that's prior to the referral, for example if a referral received



by school date and referral determination date are both documented at 11/12/21, but the invitation to conference was 10/25/21, chances are that the referral received by school day was prior to November.

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And in this case, prior to October 25th, and was documented incorrectly in the referral.

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So, to correct that kind of a discrepancy, you will need to finalize a new referral with the correct information.

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Then delete or inactivate the existing referral that has the incorrect information.

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So, getting back to our screenshot, let's look at the column for Number of Days Delayed and the Initial Placement Delay Reasons. So, you can see on your screenshot that Khalilah has filtered out Number of Days Delayed equals 0.

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So, if these students do not have any days delayed, why would we have an initial placement delay reason documented? The number 1 reason why we see that happening is that folks will run their Indicator 11 report.

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They go straight to that exceptions tab and see the students that are missing a delay reason and documented delay reason.

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Then later on either the data manager or teacher, somebody comes in and documents that consent for placement has been received.

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And it cleans up that record and put them back within the 90 days and the student is no longer delayed. However, they've already documented the delay reason, and did not go back in and remove that delay reason.

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So, it's important that you go ahead and run that report check your number of days delayed, check your initial placement delay reasons, and make sure that they are truly delayed because you don't want that to count against you.

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So, be sure to remove the initial placement delay reason from the data correction screen, if there was no delay, then navigate to the Student Level Report View detail screen and click update report to clear up that discrepancy.

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So just remember, don't wait till October to begin reviewing your Indicator 11 report for accuracy of data. Take this summer to review and correct any discrepancies in the student records, and routinely review the Student Details tab in the Indicator 11 report.

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For reevaluations that were incorrectly documented as initial referrals, be sure to correct those as soon as possible. And hopefully prior to eligibility forms and other forms being associated with a referral that you would have to go in and inactivate and create new forms.

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So, really take the time to review that. Sometimes that mistake happens that instead of doing a reevaluation process, folks will start a whole new referral and it'll end up in Indicator 11.

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And then you realize, you know what this was not an initial but has been documented that way.

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The exceptions tab in the Indicator report displays errors in student records that must be corrected before certifying the data.

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It does not display discrepancies or false delays created by incorrect or incomplete data entry.

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So, what I'm saying, when I say that is just because you clean up your exceptions tab, and you get that exception warning and errors down to 0, it does not mean that you don't have any data errors.

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And that's why it's really, really important to go look at student details and make sure that everything that you have is everything that you're submitting and certifying is actually correct.

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Also be sure to delete or inactivate duplicate referral events for the same student record.

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For example, if you see on the student history screen, multiple referral events with the same date, that creates multiple referral IDs on the student level report view and indicator 11.

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The other student history events created from completing the initial placement process will be linked to 1 of the duplicated referral events.

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So, you must determine which referral to keep, and which duplicated referral events to delete. Failure to delete the duplicate referral events will result in a delay for a referral that's not completed.

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So that's an example of a false delay that I previously mentioned.

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So, if you're looking at your Indicator 11 report, you notice that 1 of your children have 2 referrals on the same date and maybe 1 of those referrals is over 15... 200 days.

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Most likely someone created 2 referral forms, and they continue documenting on 1. So, all of your forms in the process is linked to that.

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But the other 1 is just hanging out there. So, you want to make sure that you go in and inactivate that hanging referral event and update your report view.

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To review the Indicator 11 Report Tip Sheet.

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That is... is that the 1 that you just shared? Yes. Okay. So she is sharing the tip sheet.

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This resource provides tips on what to review and look for on the student details tab and the tip sheet was part of the weekly communication sent out on 12/15/21.

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Okay, before I move into Indicator 12, Patti, do you have any extra comments on Indicator 11 and also does can I have any... Does anyone have any questions?

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Okay, I'm going to move into Indicator 12. Indicator 12 captures data on students who receive Part C Services and were referred to Part B, during the July 1, 2021 through June 30th, 2022 reporting period.

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All students must have an IEP developed within 90 days of the referral, the services actually within... All students must have an developed by their 3rd birthday.

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All traditional public school units must submit and complete the Indicator 12 spreadsheet and send that to the [ecindicators@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:ecindicators@dpi.nc.gov) by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

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Charter schools and State Operated Programs do not need to submit Indicator 12 this year.

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So, you can currently access the Indicator 12 spreadsheet from the reporting website. Once you click the link, the file will download as an Excel spreadsheet.

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Again, only traditional LEAs need to submit the Indicator 12. The Indicator 12 spreadsheet has a tab with helpful clarifications to assist with entering the data. And be sure to complete that spreadsheet and send it to us by October 31st.

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So, we wanted to share with you that even though Indicator 12 is not reported in ECATS, there are reports that you can use to help you determine what students are associated with your Indicator 12 report.

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And that would be your Indicator 11 report.

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So, you would run your Indicator 11 report for the 21-22 school year, just as you normally would. And then you're going to add a column next to Date of Birth and label it Age as of Referral Date.

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You'll enter the formula, 1 of the formulas that you see below, and you can copy and paste those directly into your spreadsheet under the header, Age as of Referral Date.

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If your Excel spreadsheet displays letters as column headings, use the 1st formula. If your Excel spreadsheet displays numbers as column headings, like it does in the screenshot, use the 2nd formula.

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And this formula calculates the years... in years the difference between the date of birth, and the referral received by school date.

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Change the format of the cells to number and then select the decimal places to 2.

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Right click on the cell content and select format cells, and from the format cells prompt, select the category as number and select decimal places as 2 then click OK.

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this will allow you to view your students who have not yet turned 3, for example, at 2.5 year old, and ensure that those students are not rounded up to age 3. So, that's why you want that decimal to be at number 2. So, you want 2 decimal places.

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And then you'll filter your age as of referral... I'm sorry, then you'll copy that formula that you just entered into the cell and then past it all the way down on that... for all of the students in that column.

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Then you'll filter your Age as of Referral Date by age less than 3 and include students, any student who is less than 3. referral date by.

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So, that will be your group of students who you would want to report on Indicator 12.

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Be sure to go in and review your data manager contact directory and make any corrections that are needed. If you have any new staff that are working as data managers...

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I believe Khalilah placed the link in the chat, the Google document that walks through those steps of creating that Indicator 12 report out of your Indicator 11 report.

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So, feel free to download that document. And, it walks through that step by step that I just went through with you much easier. If you have the Excel document in front of you and you're walking through it.

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You can continue to access your federal reporting office hours PowerPoint and session recordings from the federal reporting website. And the link is there in the PowerPoint.

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And that is all I have for you today, but we do have a few more minutes.

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So, if anyone has any comments or questions, or, if anyone from has any comments that they would like to share, I'm going to open it up for questions or comments.

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Where can the recording of this video be found? Khalilah, you can go back to that slide.

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So, that's going to be on our website and it's under... so, you'll go to exceptional children.

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And then ECATS, and then under reporting.

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You'll see federal reporting office hours.

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Well, we really appreciate everyone being on today.

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We will hang out until 2:30 in case any follow-up questions happen, but you don't have to hang on unless you want to. Again, we'll post the recording and the PowerPoint for this on the link that Khalilah just provided on our website. And, we just thank you all for your hard work on our indicators. So, thank you.