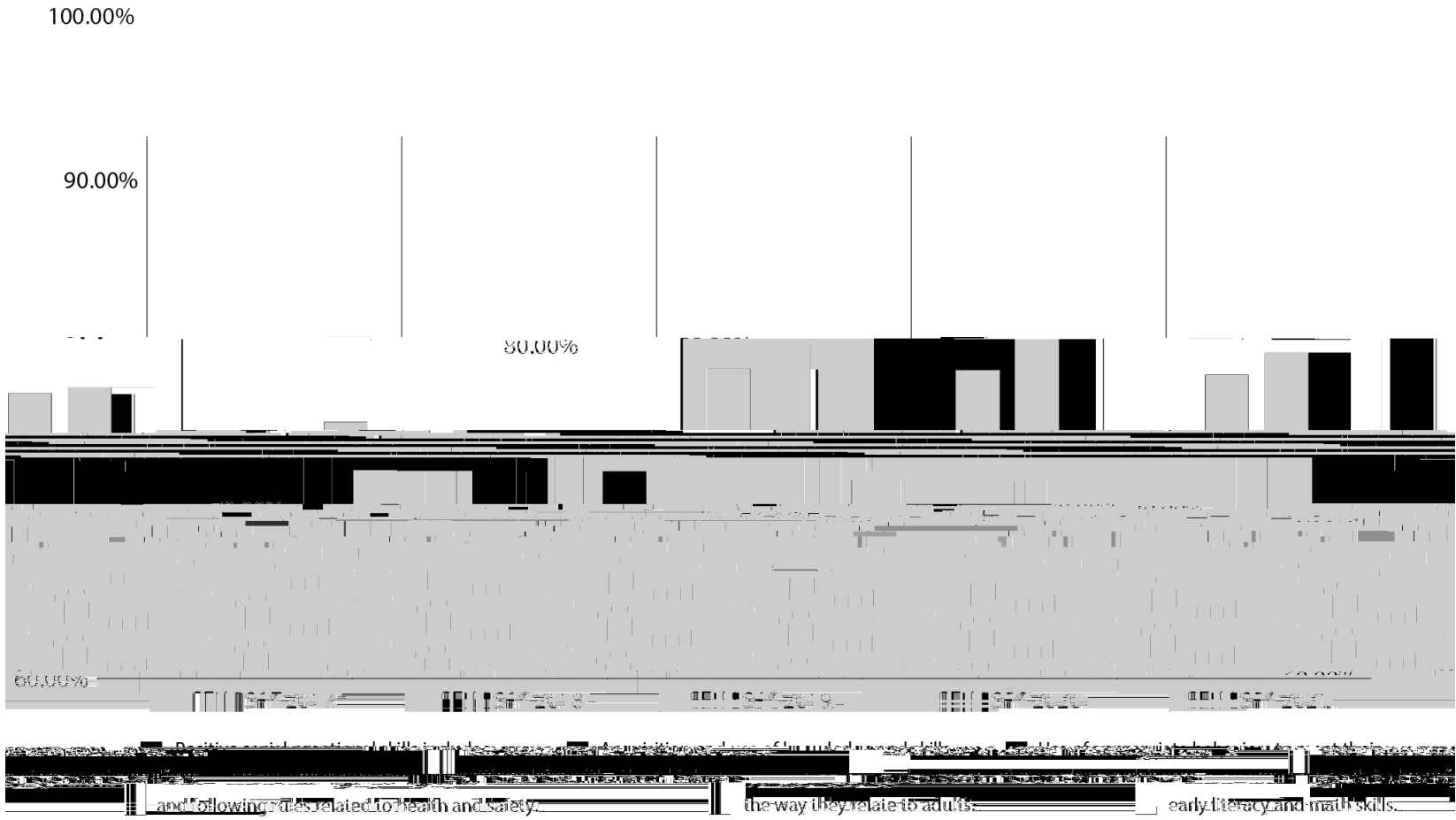




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■ Know their rights

■ Effectively communicate their children's needs

■ Advocate for their children's needs



Because of early intervention services, 46% of children with a developmental delay did not need special education by the time they reached kindergarten.

Programs that intervene early have returns on investment from \$2.50 to \$17.07 for every dollar spent.

Katy ISD estimates the ECI services have saved the district over \$1 million annually in special education costs.

have a developmental delay of at least 25%
in one or more areas of development,
have a medically diagnosed condition, or
be deaf/hard of hearing or blind/visually
impaired.

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Health and Human



Assistive technology
Audiology
Family training,
counseling, and home
visits
Health services
Language services
Medical services
Nursing services

Nutrition services
Occupational therapy
Physical therapy
Psychological services

After ECI, children may participate in child care, private therapy, head start, community recreation, neighborhood play groups, head start, or school district Preschool Programs for Children with Disab Tds8 Tdin school

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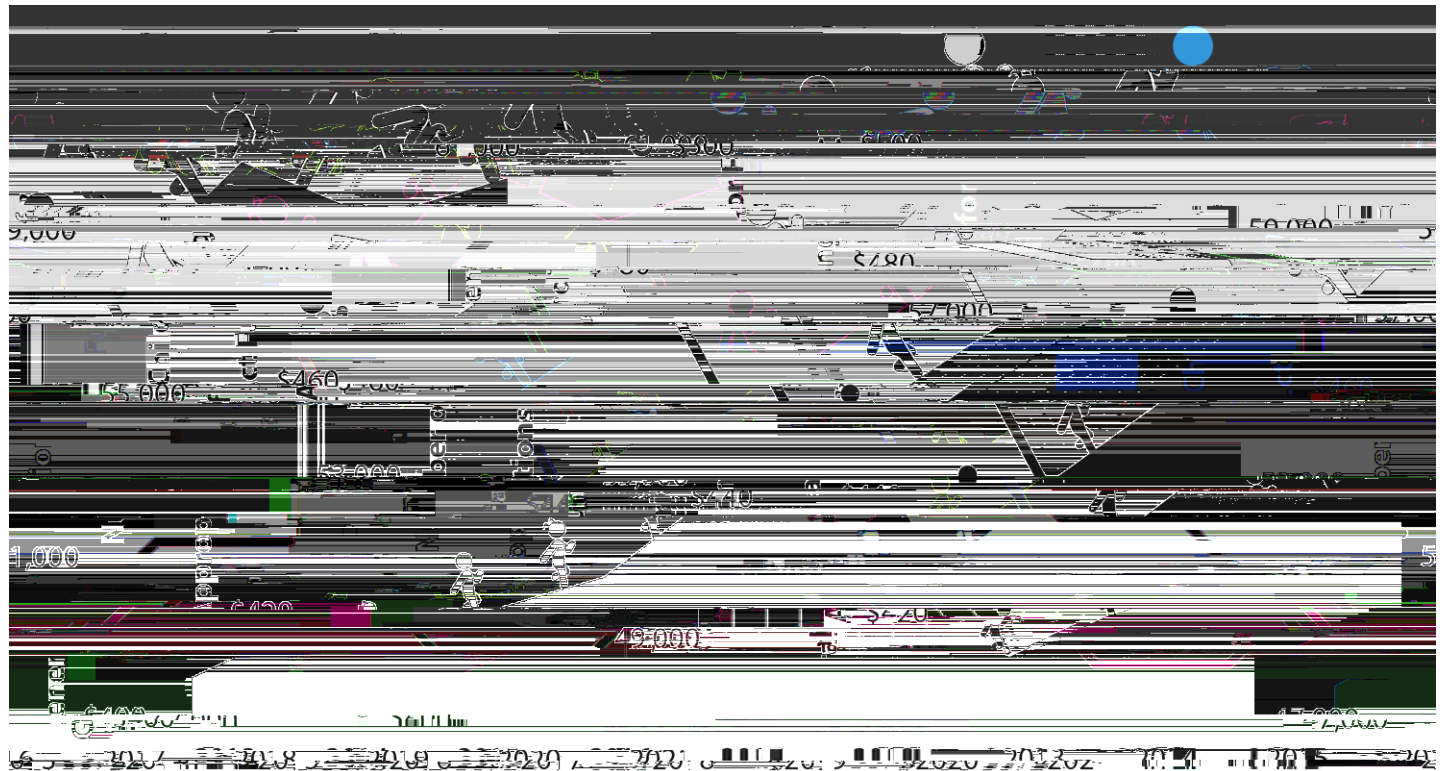
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Federal regulations require:

- ∅ statewide services,
- ∅ services in natural environments (homes and other community settings), and
- ∅ regardless of funding, providers must serve all children determined eligible.

Federal regulations require the ECI program to largely function as an entitlement program. IDEA Part C funding for the program is capped and has remained relatively level for multiple years despite increased population and caseload growth.





State Fiscal Year

Average Monthly Funding Per Child from General Appropriations Act (Blue line) Number of Children Served (Red line)

due to COVID-19. Funding increased from 2019 to 2020, while the number of children served decreased. Fiscal Year 2020

