



## Operationalized Common Indicators of Early Childhood Social and Emotional Well-Being April 13, 2018

This document presents 20 of the 130 Common Indicators of Early Childhood Social and Emotional Well-Being (*Common Indicators*) developed for Project LAUNCH that have been operationalized to offer a deeper understanding of how each indicator should be assessed. They include the 9 common indicators piloted with Project LAUNCH Expansion Grantees in 2017 (indicated with an asterisk [\*]). Child Trends and Project LAUNCH leadership are currently working to operationalize the remaining *Common Indicators*.

The operationalized indicators below include a definition of each indicator, as well as the numerator and the denominator. However, to fully operationalize an indicator and to tailor it to a particular initiative, the periodicity (timing of measurement) and the specific measure(s), should be specified.

***Common Indicator #4:*** *Percentage of children with an assessment that identified a need for services related to social-emotional difficulties who received those services (e.g., IEP, home visits, 504 plan, Early Intervention-Part C)*

**Numerator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program with a social-emotional assessment that identified service needs and who received those services, as confirmed by the service provider (participation in services must extend beyond an intake or first appointment), from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program with an assessment that identified a need for services related to social-emotional difficulties from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

***Common Indicator #5:*** *Percentage of programs using standardized (i.e., reliable and valid) social-emotional screening and assessment tools*

**Numerator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs that use at least one standardized measure to assess social-emotional development from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs

***Common Indicator #8:*** *Percentage of parents or other primary caregivers who were asked if they have any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning*

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who were asked if they have any concerns regarding their child's development, behavior, or learning from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers in a Project LAUNCH supported program

**Common Indicator #11:** *Percentage of parents or other primary caregivers who screen positive for parental depression using a standardized measure (i.e., reliable and valid)\**

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who screen positive for depression from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are screened for depression from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #13:** *Percentage of parents or primary caregivers who are referred for services for parental depression who receive mental health services*

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who screened positive for depression using a standardized measure and who receive mental health services, as confirmed by the service provider during a specified time frame (participation in services must extend beyond an intake or first appointment) from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who screened positive for depression from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #21:** *Percentage of providers reporting decreased levels of stress using a standardized measure (i.e., reliable and valid)\**

**Numerator:** Number of providers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed and who report reduced stress from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Denominator:** Number of providers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed on provider stress from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #33:** *Percentage of children demonstrating improved social-emotional skills/functioning using a standardized measure (i.e., reliable and valid)\**

**Numerator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed and who show improvements in social-emotional skills/competencies from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Denominator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed for social-emotional skills/competencies from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #37:** *Percentage of children with undetected developmental delays or chronic health problems at kindergarten entrance*

**Numerator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who were assessed for developmental delays and/or chronic health problems using a standardized measure at kindergarten entry, and who were found to have one or more newly-identified delay or problem (i.e., identified once the child begins participating in the intervention or program) from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who were assessed for developmental delays and/or chronic health problems from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure at kindergarten entry

**Common Indicator #65:** *Percentage of parents or other primary caregivers demonstrating or reporting improvements in parenting (e.g., responsiveness, nurturing, and positive discipline) using a standardized measure (i.e., reliable and valid)\**

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed and who demonstrate or report improvements in parenting from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed on the quality of parenting from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #67:** *Percentage of parents or other primary caregivers demonstrating positive parenting behaviors (e.g., positive discipline, support for learning, encouragement) using a standardized measure (i.e., reliable and valid)*

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who show more positive parenting behaviors from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who show more positive parenting behaviors from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #58:** *Percentage of children suspended/ expelled from programs serving children birth to age eight\**

**Numerator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported early care and education program (e.g., child care; preschool; Head Start) who are suspended for any amount of time from baseline to a specified follow-up time point; number of children who are expelled from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported early care and education program (e.g., child care; preschool; Head Start)

**Common Indicator #43:** *Of children who are referred for evidence-based/evidence-informed trauma treatment, percentage who receive services for trauma*

**Numerator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who were referred for trauma treatment and who received evidence-based/evidence-informed services, as confirmed by the service provider (participation in services must extend beyond an intake or first appointment) from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who were referred for trauma treatment from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Common Indicator #111:** *Percentage of programs with written policies to support early childhood workforce development related to social and emotional development and well-being\**

**Numerator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs that have written policies requiring staff to participate in at least annual training on supporting positive EC social and emotional development (program may offer this training) from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs

**Common Indicator #97:** *Percentage of providers and/or programs that routinely provide communications (e.g., parent-teacher conferences, assessment results, newsletters, other information) in the family's preferred language, including obtaining translation services as needed*

**Numerator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs that provide communications in the family's preferred language (including obtaining translation services as needed) from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs

**Common Indicator #73:** *Percentage of parents or other primary caregivers reporting reduced stress using a standardized measure (i.e., reliable and valid)\**

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed and who report reductions in stress from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are assessed for stress from baseline to a specified follow-up time point using a standardized measure

**Common Indicator #75:** *Percentage of parents or other primary caregivers reporting improved social support\**

**Numerator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who report improved social support from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of parents or other primary caregivers of children in a Project LAUNCH supported program who are screened for depression from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Common Indicator #103:** *Percentage of pregnant mothers who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within eight weeks of delivery*

**Numerator:** Number of pregnant mothers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who received a postpartum visit with a healthcare provider within eight weeks of delivery, as confirmed by the healthcare provider, from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of pregnant mothers in a Project LAUNCH supported program who give birth to a child from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Common Indicator #116:** *Percent of programs or community/state/tribal initiatives that collaborate to address identified barriers that prevent children and families from receiving the services they need*

**Numerator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs or community/state/tribal initiatives that collaborate to address identified barriers that prevent children and families from receiving the services they need from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs or community/state/tribal initiatives

**Common Indicator #119:** *Percentage of programs with the ability to link data with other programs aimed at promoting the social-emotional well-being of young children and their families*

**Numerator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs with the ability to link data with other programs aimed at promoting the social-emotional well-being of young children and their families from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs

**Common Indicator #129:** *Percentage of programs with written policies to improve access for underserved racial and ethnic populations to services that promote social and emotional well-being for children and their families\**

**Numerator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs that have written policies to improve access for underserved racial and ethnic populations to services that promote social and emotional well-being for children and their families from baseline to a specified follow-up time point

**Denominator:** Number of Project LAUNCH supported programs