

Compensatory services are services provided to the family to make up for a lapse in services attributed to SoonerStart program. Families are *eligible* for compensatory services when:

- the initial IFSP meeting date exceeds the 45 day timeline due to system delays.
- the early intervention services cannot begin because there are no providers available to implement services.
- the service provider is unable to provide services due to his/her own illness or other scheduling conflicts.
- the annual IFSP meeting did not take place in a timely manner and services were stopped because providers did not have authorizations to continue services.

When IFSP services are not available on a timely basis, the SoonerStart team should address provision of compensatory services as part of the IFSP once a service provider is identified or services resumed. It is not automatic for compensatory services to be on a one to one basis – i.e. providing one service for every service not provided. Compensatory services are to be decided by the IFSP team which includes the family.

If a child ages out of SoonerStart and missed services have occurred and/or compensatory services are being provided, the Regional Coordinator is responsible for notifying the Part C Coordinator at the State Department of Education.