

**Department of Human Services  
Health Services Committee  
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman  
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Chairman Lee and members of the Health Services Committee, I am Amanda Carlson and I currently serve as the Part C Coordinator and Children and Family Services Administrator for the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Human Services.

At the January 3, 2018 committee meeting, I shared testimony regarding the Right Track program (where North Dakota conducts its required Child Find activity) and its relation to Part C services required in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The committee asked that I provide information at this hearing on the state percentage of referrals into our Part C system from Right Track as well as how that compares to a "national" average.

I completed a data pull from Therap, the division's web-based data system, which showed that about 48 percent of our referrals for Part C services came from Right Track during that time. Physician/hospital and family were our next two highest referral sources, each at about 20 percent.

Nationally, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) does not require states to report on referral sources nor are any of the national Technical Assistance Centers tracking this information.

Through a survey, the Infant and Toddler Coordinator's Association requested this information from all Part C participating states and territories (currently 56). Twelve responses were received, with those

states and territories responding that they do track referral sources. However, those states and territories reported combining their Child Find referrals with other categories, so they were unable to give a specific percentage for their Child Find referrals.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.