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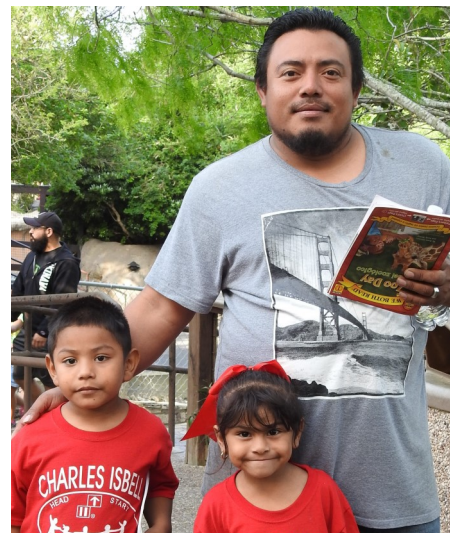
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## 2018 Day at The Zoo with Dad

On March 10th and 24th the NINOS Head Start program sponsored the "Day at The Zoo with Dad." Over 2,000 children and their fathers (father figures) attended this life changing event. The planned activities started in the morning with a visit to Gladys's Porter Zoo where the children and their fathers had the op-

portunity to visit the animal exhibits, the petting area, as well as the new aquarium. After the visit to the zoo, they were invited for a picnic lunch at Dean Porter Park. These events strengthen the role of fathers in the families and leave a positive and lasting impact on the children.

In 2010, the Administration of Children and Families (ACF) enacted the Healthy Marriage and Promotion of Responsible Fatherhood initiative. The initiative's mission is "strengthening families to improve the lives of children and parents and promote economic stability."



## Mental Health - Early Recognition and Intervention

The earlier a child's mental health needs are recognized, the sooner he/she can receive help. Early recognition and intervention can prevent years of disability and help children and families thrive. All parents should learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health problems in early childhood. Challenging behaviors may include hitting, scratching, screaming, taking toys away

from others, and failing to make eye contact. Finding the right strategies to support the extremely shy child who does not know how to enter a group and play or who elects not to speak to anyone at all can also be a challenge. Staff and parents must be aware of these behaviors and find ways to help children successfully interact with peers and adults. If

you would like more information on the mental health of your child, talk to your area manager.

*Identifying Mental Health and Substance Use Problems of Children and Adolescents. SAMHSA (n.d.) Retrieved January 20, 2015 from <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SM12-4700/SM12-4700.pdf>*

# Early Head Start 2017-2018 Mid-Year Assessment Analysis

The children are formally assessed three times a year to follow their developmental progress and to determine the effectiveness of the curriculum.

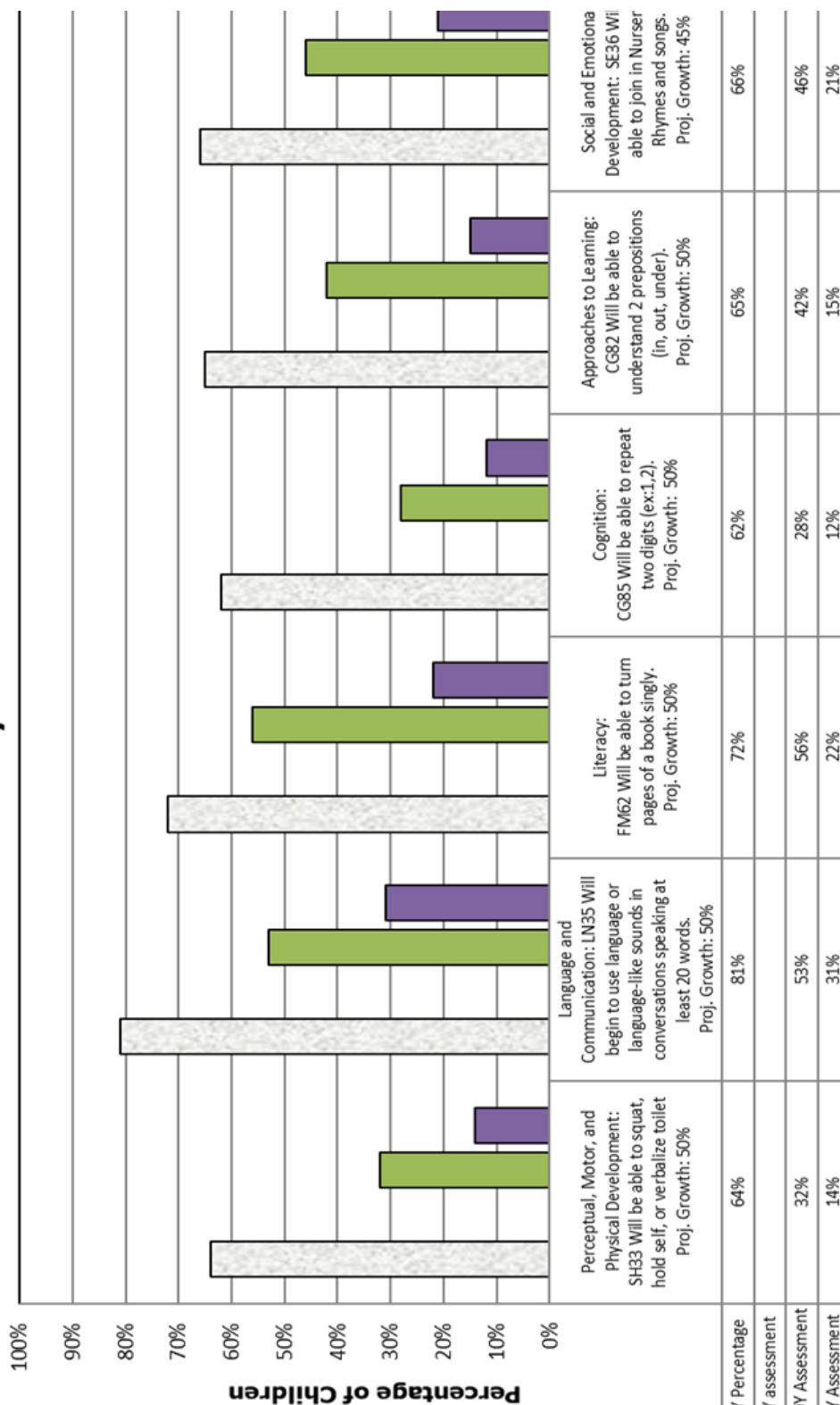
## Infants 0-12 Months - E-LAP School Readiness Progress Report Mid year 2017-2018



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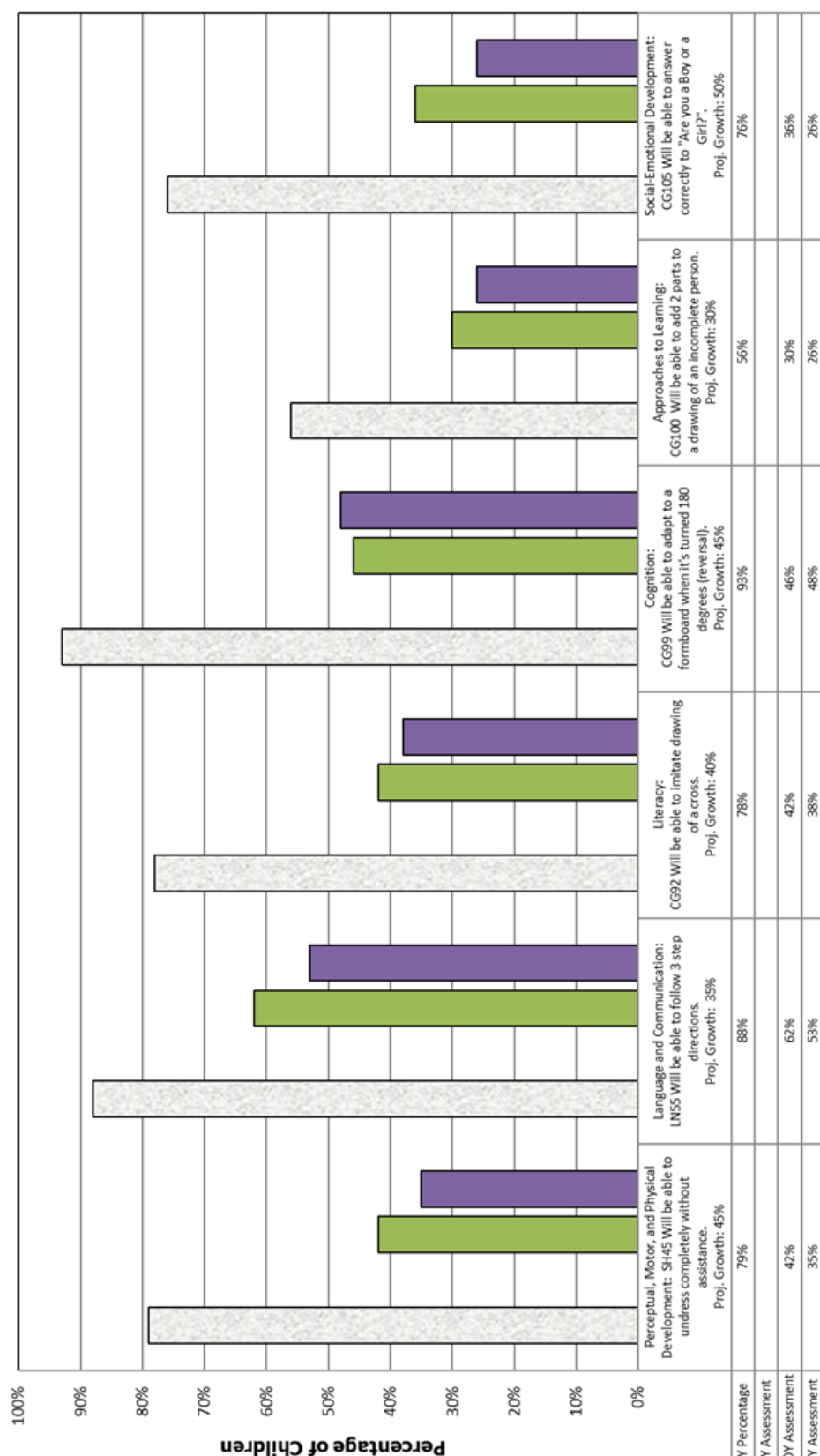
## Mobile Infants 12-24 Months - E-LAP School Readiness Progress Report Mid year 2017-2018



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## Toddlers 24-36 Months - E-LAP School Readiness Progress Report Mid year 2017-2018



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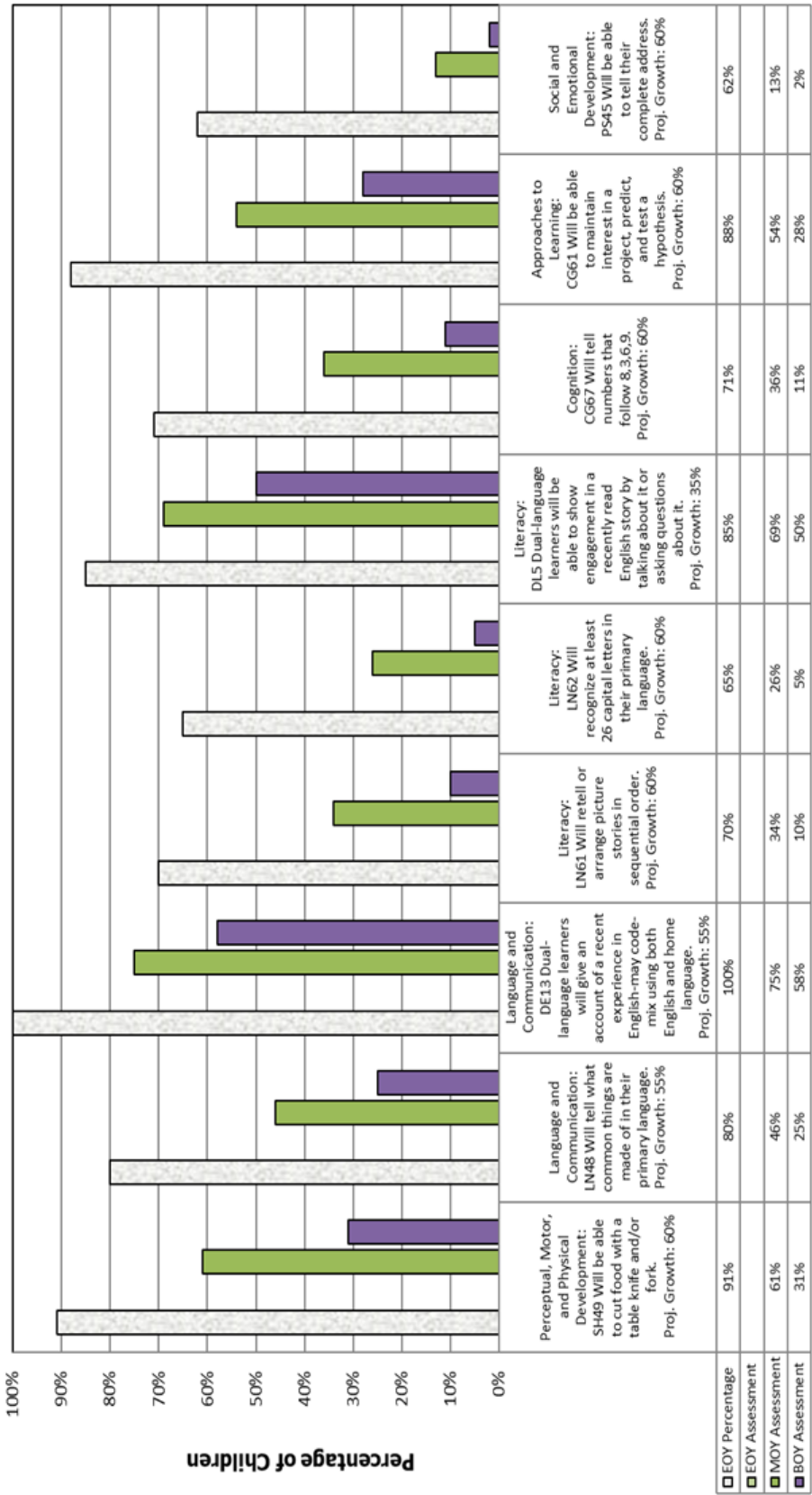
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## 3 Year Olds - LAP 3 - School Readiness Progress Report Mid year 2017-2018



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4 year olds - LAP 3 - School Readiness Progress Report  
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