

Special Education In The Gothenburg Public Schools *Services Provided to Special Children*

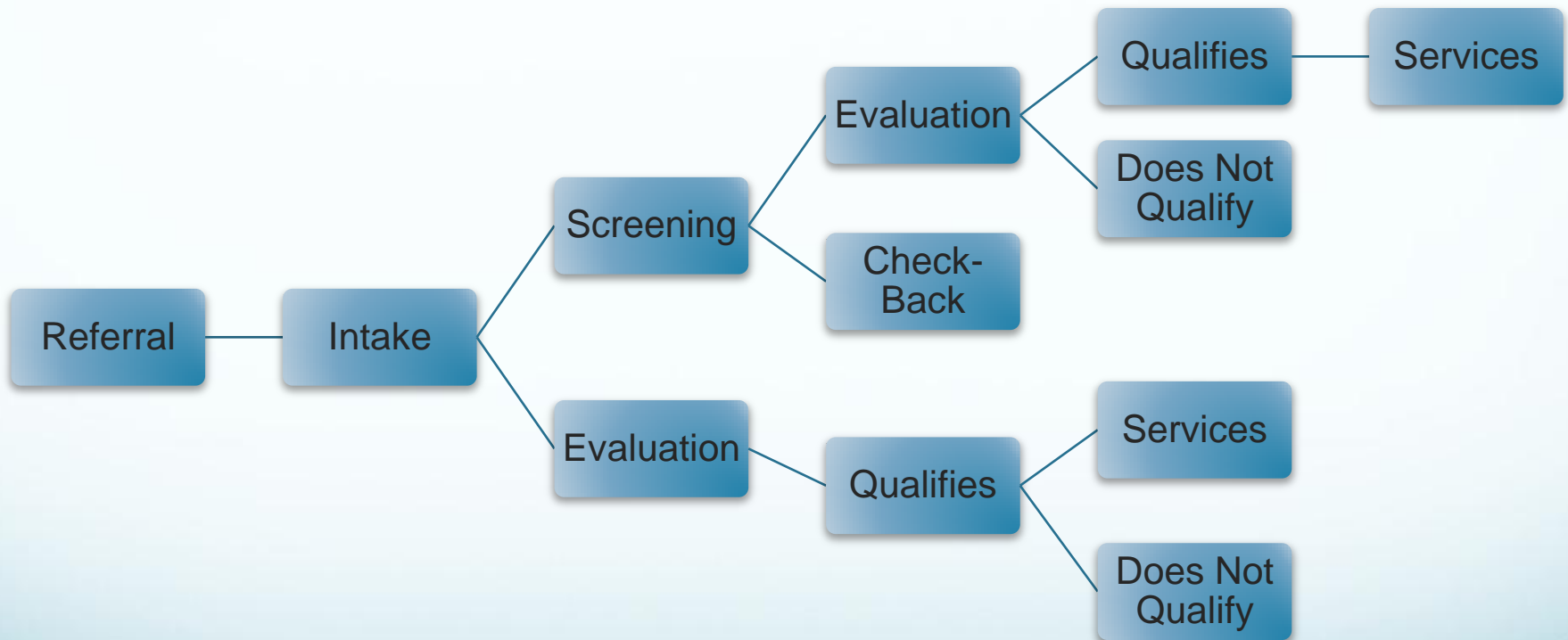
A Report Prepared for the
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Declaration of Responsibility

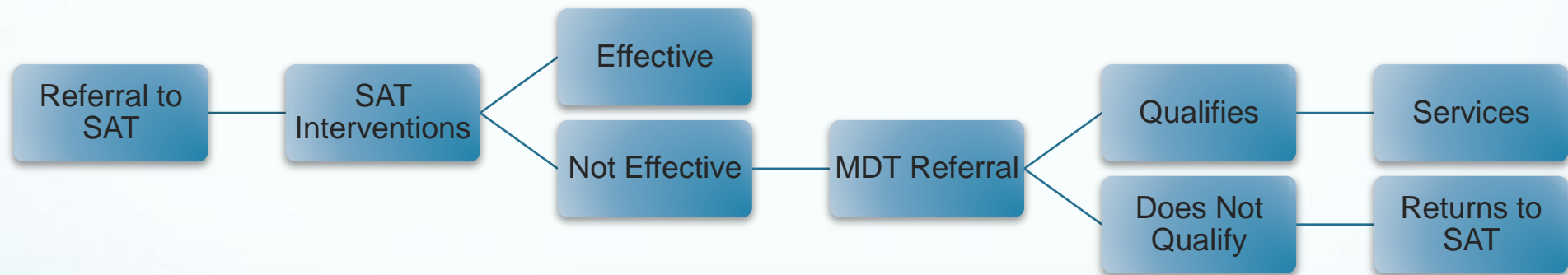
- Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 79-1127. The board of education of every school district shall provide or contract for special education programs and transportation for all resident children with disabilities who would benefit from such programs.



Birth to Age 5 Referral Process



School-Age Referral Process



Part C Services

- Birth- Age 3
- District 20 contracts for the following services:
 - Physical therapy-Karla Bryant, private contractor



Part B School Age

- Level I = not more than 3 hours a week
- Level II = more than 3 hours a week
- Provided to school age children
- Instructors are Maria Anderson, Sherry Damrow, Heather Franzen, Erin Feather, Judy Jensen, Erica Johnson, Carol Keiser, and Angela Piper

Level III

- Programs are provided by service agencies who contract with local districts to provide programs for children i.e. South Central Developmental Services, Iowa School for the Blind



Evaluations

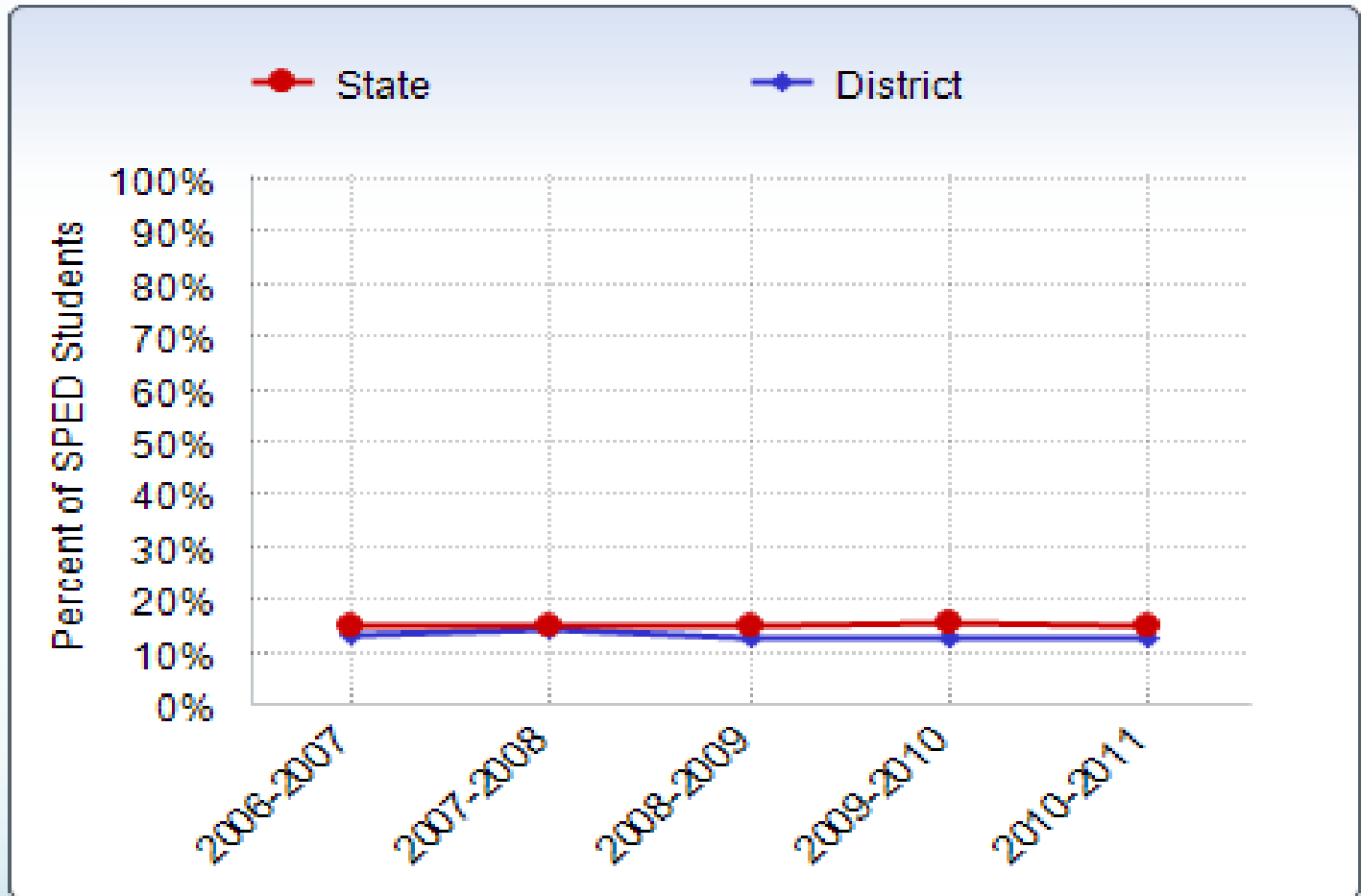
- Jackie Anderson, school psychologist is responsible for evaluations
- Initial referrals made by Student Assistance Team (SAT) and must be completed within 45 school days
- Reevaluations must be conducted at least every three years as required by law
- 2010-2011
 - 15 initial referrals Initial evals verified=7 (47%)
 - 32 reevaluations Reevals reverified=24 (75%)

Special Education Numbers

- District #20 serves students birth to 21
- 116 students are currently being served
P-6th=76 7th-12th=40
- Several receive more than one service
- Gothenburg= 12.68%(10-11)
- State Avg.=15.17%(10-11)



Special Education Trends



Numbers by Category

• SLD	Specific Learning Disability		29
• SLI	Speech Language Impairment		32
• OHI	Other Health Impairment	23	
• DD	Developmental Delay		11
• MH	Mental Handicap	7	
• HI	Hearing Impairment		*
• TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury		*
• AU	Autism		*
• VI	Visually Impaired		*
• BD	Behaviorally Disordered		*
• MI	Multiple Impairment		*

*Information is masked due to the small numbers in this category

Paraeducators

- Gothenburg Public Schools employs 7.625 FTE special education paras: Sheila Ahlenstorf, Jaime Burkink, Sue Finke, Christine Hahn, Sherry McMichael, Katherine Middleton, Jillian Dowdy and Kendra Paulsen.
- Their duties include supervising students on job sites, providing small group instruction and providing one-to-one assistance for more involved students. They also provide direct support to students in inclusion classes.

5 Year History of Receipts

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Special Education	333,034	364,292	425,378	414,462
IDEA Part B	54,365	54,406	54,406	54,584
IDEA Enrollment/Poverty	123,891	129,692	137,627	135,153
ARRA	-----	----- -	99,081	100,000
Totals	511,872	548,390	716,492	699,543

5 Year History of Costs

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Special Education	517,863	585,437	799,482	933,348
IDEA Enrollment/Poverty	178,252	288,586	46,995	72,819
ARRA	-----	104,389	72,337	130,960
Totals	696,115	978,412	918,814	1,137,127

Thank you

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