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Early Intervention Council Council

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Early Intervention Council (EIC)

Purpose:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that each state maintain an Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for the purpose of advising and assisting the State Lead Agency. In Wyoming, the Lead Agency is the Department of Health; the program is administered by the Behavioral Health Division's Early Intervention and Education Program (EIEP).

In Wyoming, the council advises and assists the EIEP in the development and implementation of a statewide system of service to infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities and their families. The duties of the council include:

Assist and advise the EIEP in implementing a statewide service delivery system for children aged birth through five who are identified as having developmental disabilities and their families.

Advise and assist the EIEP in the preparation of applications and amendments.

Advise and Assist the Department of Education regarding the transition of toddlers with disabilities to preschool and other appropriate services.

Assist all appropriate agencies in achieving full participation, coordination, and cooperation for implementation of statewide system.

Membership includes:

Services to infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities and their families.

Parents of children under age 12 with disabilities, providers of early intervention services, a representative of the state Legislature, and a person involved in personnel preparation. Other members representing each of the appropriate agencies involved in the provision of or payment for early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and others selected by the governor.

Early Intervention Council Priorities:

- NICU Referral Process - Refining the referral process from regional Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) to ensure children in need of early intervention services are aware of services available.
- Annual Report – Establishing an annual report to highlight the accomplishments of the EIC and the EIEP.
- Toddler Transitions – Developing recommended procedures for Regional Child Development Centers to use as guidance for transitioning children from Part C to Part B.

The Early Intervention Council conducts its business through quarterly meetings. These meetings are held in a different region each time throughout the State.

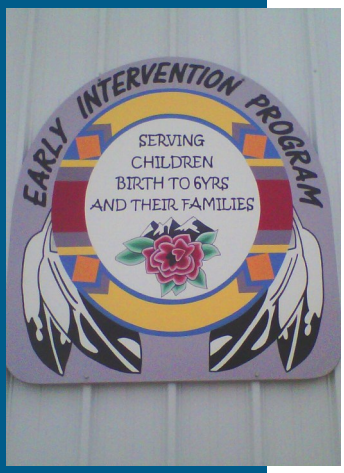
EIEP Part C "Meets Requirements"

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that the Secretary of Education make an annual determination as to whether each State's Part C (birth through age 3) of IDEA (infant and toddler program) is meeting the requirements of the IDEA statute. Based on the data submitted in the Wyoming Part C Annual Performance Report and other available information, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has mailed the IDEA Part C determination letter to the Wyoming Department of Health on June 29, 2012.

Please click the link to read the letter received from OSEP (WY FFY 2010 APR and SPP Determination Letter):

http://www.health.wyo.gov/ddd/earlychildhood/partcinfo.html

Regional Highlight April 2012



EIP main facility located in Fort Washakie, Wyoming

Eastern Shoshone Early Intervention Program, Region 14, serves children and families who live on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Services to eligible children are provided in a variety of settings. This includes serving children in two different Child Project classrooms; one in Fort Washakie and one in Arapahoe.

Outreach services are also provided to Head Start and Early Head Start programs, school district preschools, day cares, and in family homes.

The Eastern Shoshone Early Intervention Program's mission is "to support all children who reside on the Wind River Indian Reservation so they may reach their individual learning potential using cultural and traditional methods of instruction so they enter the public school system ready to successfully continue their educational careers and achieve life goals."

During the Early Intervention Council meeting in April 2012, members were treated to a tour of the program's facility and Director, Sue Jezek, took everyone on a tour of the Wind River Indian Reservation.

We thank Sue and Laurene for their hospitality during our meeting!

Upcoming Meetings: Regions and Dates and Important Links

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FY 2012-2013 EIC meetings

July 12-13, 2012: Teleconference

October 11-12, 2012: Evanston

January 10-11, 2013: Cheyenne

April 11-12, 2013: Laramie

July 11-12, 2013: Rawlins

October 10-11, 2013: TBD

January 9-10, 2014: TBD

Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health, Early Intervention and Education Program: http://www.health.wyo.gov/ddd/earlychildhood/index.html

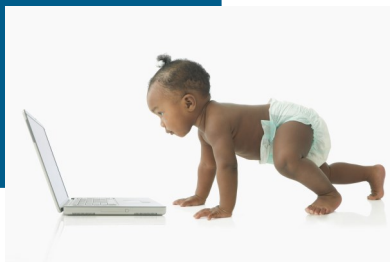
IDEA Infant and Toddler: http://www.ideainfanttoddler.org/

Zero to Three: http://www.zerotothree.org/

Parent Corner

Parents: In order to identify strengths and weaknesses in the transition process of children on an IEP from Preschool to Kindergarten, please take a few minutes to respond to this survey.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B583YJ5



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