

### **III. PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM (34 CFR 303.320)**

The State of Missouri assures that a public awareness program has been developed that focuses on the early identification of children who are eligible to receive early intervention services under this part, including the preparation and dissemination of information materials for parents on the availability of early intervention services by the lead agency to all primary referral sources.

The State of Missouri assures that a public awareness program has been developed that provides information about the State's:

early intervention program;

1. the child find system, including:
  - a) purpose and scope of the system,
  - b) how to make referrals,
  - c) how to gain access to a comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluation and other early intervention services; and,
2. the Central Directory.

### **NOTICE TO PARENTS (34 CFR 300.561)**

Adequate notice shall be provided to fully inform parents about the requirements under 34 CFR 303.164 and 303.321 (Comprehensive Child Find System), including:

1. A description of the extent to which the notice is given in the native languages of the various population groups in the state;
2. A description of children on whom personally identifiable information is maintained, the types of information sought, the methods the State intends to use in gathering the information, (including the sources from whom information is gathered), and the use to be made of information;
3. A summary of the policies and procedures which participating agencies must follow regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information; and,
4. A description of all the rights of parents and children regarding this information, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) rights.

The notice shall be published or announced annually. This notice shall be published or announced in newspapers or other media with circulation adequate to notify parents throughout the State.