

Subject: 30 Years of IDEA Part C (Early Intervention)

To: SICC members, SPOE Directors, Service Coordinators and First Steps Providers

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This week marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C – Early Intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

The US Department of Education, Office of Special Education (OSEP) and the national infant and toddler (Part C) coordinators association (ITCA) have prepared materials to celebrate this milestone. I thought these may be of interest to you.

- The U.S. Department of Education website recognizing 30 years of IDEA Part C at:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/earlylearning/early-intervention-specialed-30th.html>
- An ITCA newsletter outlining the history and outcomes of IDEA Part C at:  
<http://ideainfanttoddler.org/pdf/ITCA-30th-Anniversary-Flyer.pdf>

Please join me in recognizing 30 years of early intervention and the thousands of the families served in Missouri, their providers and service coordinators, and our state and local stakeholders who support services to young children with disabilities. The past, present and future success of early intervention depends on all of us!

Sincerely,

Pam Thomas