

Subject: State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) and OSEP's Evaluation of Missouri's Part C Program - First Steps

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Intended Audience: System Points of Entry (SPOEs), Early Intervention Providers, State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Members

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For Your Information:

Missouri recently received notification that the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has completed its evaluation of Missouri's performance under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which are the regulations that govern the First Steps Early Intervention Program.

OSEP has identified Missouri Part C in the determination category of "Needs Assistance." The evaluation of Missouri's performance included information from 10 indicators in the Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). This year, for the first time, OSEP included both results and compliance information in the evaluation. Missouri's overall percentage of 65.18% was calculated by averaging the Results Score (37.50%) and the Compliance Score (92.86%).

This year Missouri also submitted Phase I of the Part C State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) and OSEP determined the Missouri Part C SSIP "Meets Requirements."

OSEP has created a State Profile webpage that contains the following information related to the evaluation:

- Determination letter showing OSEP's evaluation of Missouri Part C
- How OSEP made determinations
- Part C SPP/APR (APR - FFY 2013), including OSEP's responses for each indicator and any required action
- Data Display - Part C and Part B 619 data
- Dispute Resolutions - the number of written, signed complaints, mediation requests, and due process complaints received during 2013-14
- Data Rubric - calculates timely and accurate data reported for each SPP/APR indicator
- Part C State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), Phase 1
- Results Matrix – which includes worksheets with the following results components:
 - Data Quality, including data completeness and data anomalies
 - Child Performance, including a comparison of Missouri's outcome data with other state's outcome data, and a comparison of Missouri's current outcome data with last year's outcome data
 - The overall scoring for results and compliance data

To view Missouri's Part C State Profile page, go to the following link:
<https://osep.grads360.org/#communities/pdc/documents/8254>

I encourage you to be familiar with these documents as the SPP/APR drives our monitoring focus and reflects the connection between compliance and performance.

A letter will be sent electronically to each SPOE Director this week containing the Determination their SPOE agency received as a result of a review of their performance on selected SPP/APR Indicators and other requirements.

Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.