

Subject: Missouri Part C Application for Federal Funds under IDEA and Notice of Public Hearings

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Intended Audience: Stakeholders interested in Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

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All states making an application for federal funds under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) are required to make the application for funds available for public review and comment. In addition, before adopting any new or revised policies necessary to comply with Part C of IDEA, the state must hold hearings for public review and comment on the proposed policies.

#### PART C APPLICATION

IDEA Part C funds support the First Steps Early Intervention Program for children birth to 3 years and their families. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has developed a draft application for the funds. The draft application is available for review from February 8, 2019, through April 15, 2019, on the department's website at: <https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/compliance/part-c-annual-state-application>.

The Part C application, developed by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), includes a summary of the assurances, certifications, and description of IDEA use of funds that the state will use to implement Part C of IDEA. Upon OSEP's approval of Missouri's Part C application, the state will receive a federal grant award under Part C of IDEA for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

As you review the application, please note the following:

- . The application is in a format required by OSEP.
- . The costs included in this application only reflect those attributable to the federal IDEA Part C funds that are allocated to the state of Missouri and not the total cost of the First Steps program.
- . The amounts listed in Section III, Description of the Use of Part C Funds, are based on anticipated state fiscal year (SFY) 2020 award amounts. These amounts will be used until the actual SFY 20 award amount is disclosed.

Written public comments on the Missouri Part C application may be submitted from March 15, 2019, until the close of business on April 15, 2019, by mail to the Office of Special Education, Attn: Sara Massman, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480; by email to [Idea.Comments@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Idea.Comments@dese.mo.gov); or by fax to 573-526-4404.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The state is submitting the following revised policies in the 2019 Part C application:

- . Intra-Agency Agreement between First Steps (Part C) and Early Childhood Special Education (Part B) located at: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-first-steps-early-childhood-intra-agency-transition-agreement-between-part-c-and-part-b.pdf>.

. State-level Memorandum of Understanding - Missouri Head Start, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Missouri Department of Social Services located at:  
<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-first-steps-head-start-state-collaboration-mou-2019.pdf>.

Two public hearings on the revised policies will be held by webinar. The webinar dates, times, and access links are listed below:

2019 Part C Application - 1st Public Hearing Monday, March 18, 2019, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Link: <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/webinar/part-c-application-public-comment-webinar>

2019 Part C Application - 2nd Public Hearing Thursday, April 11, 2019, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Link: <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/webinar/part-c-application-public-comment-webinar-0>

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