

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 determined that **Missouri meets the requirements and purposes of Part C of the IDEA**. The evaluation of Missouri's performance included information from 10 indicators in the Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). OSEP included both results and compliance information in the evaluation. Missouri's overall percentage of 87.5% was calculated by averaging the Results Score (75%) and the Compliance Score (100%).

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

- Part C SPP/APR Introduction and Indicators 1-10, including OSEP's responses for each indicator and any required action
- Part C SPP/APR Indicator 11 – State Systemic Improvement Plan, attachment for Phase III report
- Dispute Resolution - the number of written, signed complaints, mediation requests, and due process complaints received during 2015-16
- Data Rubric - calculates timely and accurate data reported for each SPP/APR indicator
- 2017 Part C Results Driven Accountability (RDA) Matrix, which includes:
  - o The RDA Percentage and Determination
  - o The Results and Compliance Overall Scoring
  - o Data Quality Score, including data completeness and data anomalies
  - o Child Performance Score, 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
- Data Display - Part C and Part B 619 data
- How OSEP made determinations
- Determination letter showing OSEP's evaluation of Missouri Part C

To view Missouri's Part C State Profile page, go to the following link:

<https://osep.grads360.org/#report/apr/2015C/publicView?state=MO&ispublic=true>

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 agency to inform them of the Determination their 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.