

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. The evaluation of Missouri's performance included information from 10 indicators in the Part C State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR), which includes both results and compliance indicators.

OSEP gives every state one of four designations: meets requirements, needs assistance, needs intervention and needs substantial intervention. OSEP has determined that **Missouri needs assistance meeting the requirements of Part C of the IDEA**. Missouri received an overall percentage of 75%, calculated by averaging the Results Score (50%) and the Compliance Score (100%). An overall percentage of 80% is required to be designated as "meets requirements".

The 2020 Part C SPP/APR (indicators 1-10), State Systemic Improvement Plan (indicator 11), and the determination letter describing OSEP's evaluation of Missouri Part C are posted on the DESE website at: <https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/state-performance-plan>

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.