



## 2019 PART C APPLICATION REVISED POLICIES PUBLIC HEARING

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March 18, 2019  
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Missouri Department of Elementary  
and Secondary Education

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## Overview

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Office of Special Education is the lead administrative agency for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The Missouri Part C program, otherwise known as First Steps, provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth to age three and their families.

## Purpose of Hearing

- IDEA requires that each Part C application contain a description of:
  - the policies and procedures used to ensure a smooth transition for children in Part C to preschool or other appropriate services, and
  - the State's efforts to promote collaboration among Head Start and Early Head Start programs under the Head Start Act, early education and child care programs and services under Part C.
- IDEA also requires that DESE hold public hearings and provide the general public the opportunity to make comments, before adopting any new or revised policy or procedure.

## Purpose of Hearing, continued

DESE 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)
- State-level Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Missouri Head Start, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Missouri Department of Social Services

Today's public hearing is one of DESE's hearing's related to the revisions to the Intra-Agency agreement and MOU.

## To Submit Comments on the Proposed Changes

Comments may be submitted via:

- The chat feature during today's webinar.
- Mail: Office of Special Education  
Attn: Sara Massman  
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- Email: [IDEA.Comments@dese.mo.gov](mailto:IDEA.Comments@dese.mo.gov)  
Attn: Sara Massman
- Fax: (573)526-4404, Attn: Sara Massman

All comments must be submitted in writing by the close of business on **April 15, 2019**.

## Part One

Revisions to the Intra-Agency Agreement between First Steps (Part C) and Early Childhood Special Education (Part B). The document can be found by going to the link indicated below on the webinar page.

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## Intra-agency Agreement

Revisions to the agreement include the following updates:

- ❑ The use of Local Educational Agency (LEA) throughout the document when referencing the sending of directory information from First Steps to the LEA, to align with current guidance.
- ❑ On page 5, the use of Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) when referencing an invitation and participation at the First Steps transition conference, to align with current guidance.
- ❑ On page 7, the renewal terms of the agreement to remove the five year renewal requirement and replace with an automatic annual renewal.

## Part Two

### Revisions to the State-level Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Missouri Head Start, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Missouri Department of Social Services.

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## Head Start MOU

Revisions to the MOU include:

- ❑ Overall, written to be more inclusive of all families served by the participating agencies.
- ❑ Focused on promoting integration of all early childhood programs to enhance coordination and awareness of programs and resources that address the needs of all children.
- ❑ Separated Part C (First Steps) and Part B (ECSE) information into addendums at the end of the document, to provide more details about each program.
- ❑ Updated the Early Learning programs chart to reflect current resources.

## Comments

Please submit any comments to the revisions at this time.

## In Conclusion



Written comments may be submitted until the close of business April 15, 2019.

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