

Part C Public Hearing #1  
March 18, 2019

>> SARA: Good afternoon. Thank you for joining the public hearing on the 2019 part c application revised pardon mes. I'm Sarah Massman for first steps compliance. This hearing is being recorded. To find the recording, visit the DESE webinar page. This hearing will be provided to you with closed captioning. You may submit comments by typing in the chat window. Comments will be read aloud during the hearing. The recording, presentation, slides and other documents from today's hearing will be posted to the DESE website.

>> 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 childcare programs and services under Part C. IDEA 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. DESE is submitting the the purpose of this hearing is to take public comments on the between first steps which is Part C of IDEA and Early Childhood Special Education or part B of IDEA and the state-level memorandum of understanding or MOU between Missouri Head Start, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Missouri Department of Social Services. The following is an explanation of the hearing process. We are holding two public hearings via webinar, one today and one to be held on April 11. We are taking written comments until the close of business on April 15, 2019. We'll make one of three decisions. Make the change, make the change with re-I havings or not make the change.

They'll be push Englished on the first steps rules and regulations page. You may comment on any of the revised policies at any time during the hearing. Questions on the revised policies may be submitted to the e-mail address submitted on the slide. The documents are linked in the sales message shown on the screen.

>> Again this document can be found by clicking on the link to the sales message on the webinar page. Revisions to the head start MOU include overall it was written to be more inclusive of all families served by the participating agencies, more focused on promoting integration of all early childhood programs to enhance coordination and awareness of programs and resource that address the needs of all children, separated Part C of first steps and part BECSE services into an addendum at the end of the document to provide more details about each program.

At any time we'll pause to read aloud any comments received thus far on any of the revisions.

>> SARA: We have not received any comments at this time. The webinar will remain open until 3:00 p.m. If you need to go back and look at webinar link to access the documents and make comments, we'll be open until 3:00. And as a reminder, those comments may be submitted during the chat through the chat feature.

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>> SARA: This concludes our hearing on the revisions to the interagency agreement between first steps and Early Childhood Special Education and the state-level memorandum of understanding 20 Missouri Head Start, Missouri Department of Social Services. Thank you for listening in.