

Part C of IDEA Early Intervention Program

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM



Population Focus

Infants and toddlers (birth through age 2) with developmental delays or disabilities and their families.



Program Objectives

- ❖ Enhance the development of infants and toddler with disabilities.
- ❖ Reduce educational costs by minimizing the need for special education through early intervention.
- ❖ Minimize the likelihood of institutionalization and maximize independent living.
- ❖ Enhance the capacity of families to the child's needs.



Program Description

Funded through the Office of Special Education Programs/US Department of Education.

Maintenance of Effort is required as part of the grant process.

Intended to assist states in operating a statewide comprehensive program of early intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities.



Program Contractor Selection

Competitive process through the State's procurement process.

Five Regional Provides Selected:

Region 1: Developmental Educational Assistance Program

Region 2: Benchmark Human Services/AW Holdings

Region 3: Early Childhood Intervention/Billings Public Schools

Region 4: Family Outreach

Region 5: Child Development Center



Part C Contractor Requirements

- Referral System
- Evaluation and Assessment and Eligibility
- Individual Family Service Plan
- Service Coordination
- Procedural Safeguards
- Transitioning from Early Intervention
- Systems of Payment



Care Coordination

- Each child enrolled in Part C is required to have Service Coordination
 - Delivered by a Family Support Specialist employed by the contractor.
- Assists the family with necessary evaluation and assessments.
- Based on assessments and evaluations, assists the family in development of a Individual Family Services Plan.
- Assists the family in access necessary early intervention services.
- Monitors the progress of the outcomes identified in the Individual Family Service Plan.
- Informs the family of the procedural safeguards and systems of payment.



Provider Payments

Each region has an identified target number of infants and toddlers.

Reimbursement is based on a tiered system, with a fixed amount of reimbursement per tier.

Target Numbers/Month

Region 1: 80

Region 2: 138

Region 3: 179

Region 4: 197

Region 5: 228



Program Measurements

Office of Special Education Program Indicators

- Ongoing reviews completed by Developmental Disabilities Program Staff.
- Statewide Systemic Improvement Plan.
- Annual Performance Report

