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 Providers 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