NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Infant Toddler Program Public Participation Process for Proposed Policies and Idaho's FFY 2013 Renewal Application for Funds Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, as the state's Lead Agency, administers the Infant Toddler Program (ITP) and is responsible for identifying children birth to three years who need services, evaluating their needs, coordinating and delivering services, and protecting the rights of families and children under IDEA, Part C.

In order to meet the public participation requirements under Part C of IDEA at 33 CFR §303.208, the Department of Health and Welfare is publishing proposed policies and the annual renewal application for funds under IDEA, Part C. Specific areas of change/clarification include child find, referral/screening, assessment and evaluation, IFSP, procedural safeguards, early intervention services, transition, and system of payment. In addition, the state is proposing a change to eligibility criteria for children with deafness and vision impairments to better align with definitions used by the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind. In accordance with IDEA, Part C, the proposed policies and the application are available for public review here:

- Part C, IDEA Regulations
- Part C, IDEA Final Regulations Non-regulatory Guidance (Summary of required regulation changes)
- Idaho FFY 2013 Grant Application
- Infant Toddler Program Policies/Procedures

The opportunity for public comment on the proposed policies and the Part C application is available for 30 days beginning February 4, 2013 through March 8, 2013.

The intent of these hearings is to gather comments regarding the proposed policies and the annual Part C application for funds. The Department is interested in information that would assist us in maintaining a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers and their families.

Procedure for submitting comments on the proposed policies and application

Public Hearing Schedule

The public is invited to attend hearings on **Monday**, **February 4**, **2013**, <u>at either</u> **12pm-1pm**, **MST/11am-12pm**, **PST** <u>or</u> **4pm-5pm MST/3pm-4pm**, **PST**, at the following Idaho Department of Health & Welfare office locations:

1250 Ironwood Court, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814
1250 Conference Room
1118 "F" Street, Lewiston, ID 83501
1st Floor Conference Room
2823 Park Centre Blvd., Nampa, ID, 83651
Conference Room 173
450 W. State Street, 5th Floor, Boise, ID 83702
Small Conference Room
2803 Harrison, Twin Falls, ID 83301
Small Conference Room
2914 Memorial Drive, Pocatello, ID 83201
Conference Room
2915 Shoup Ave, Ste. 17, Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Small Conference Room

Comments

Comments other than oral testimony given at hearing must be submitted <u>in writing</u> to the Department of Health and Welfare, Infant Toddler Program, and should be clearly identified as concerning proposed policies or the Part C application. Address comments to:

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P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0036

The Department of Health and Welfare must receive public comments no later than March 8, 2013. Note that the Department will not accept comment by phone, fax or e-mail to Department or ITP staff.