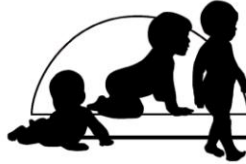




Early Support
for Infants
and Toddlers



Washington State's
Federally Approved Plan
for the
Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program
Department of Early Learning
Under the Individuals with
Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
Early Intervention Section

Effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011
(Federal Fiscal Year 2010)

Introduction

Effective July 1, 2010, the Washington State Lead Agency for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), is the Department of Early Learning. All powers, duties, functions, policies and procedures of the Department of Social and Health Services pertaining to the administration of the Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program were transferred to the Department of Early Learning. The Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program is renamed in statute the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program. Therefore, in this document:

- All references to the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), as the State Lead Agency, are replaced by the Department of Early Learning (State Lead Agency/Department) and/or (DEL).
- All references to the Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP) are replaced by the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT).program

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is designated by the Governor to serve as the State Lead Agency for carrying out the provisions of the early intervention section of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and to receive funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 and beyond.

DEL and the Washington State Interagency Coordinating Council continue to coordinate the implementation of IDEA early intervention services with four other participating agencies:

- Department of Social and Health Services
- Department of Health
- Department of Services for the Blind
- Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Within all divisions of DEL

On August 4, 1989, a Centennial Accord was executed between the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes of Washington and the state of Washington, through the Governor. To better achieve mutual goals through an improved relationship between governments, this Accord provides a framework for implementation procedures to assure execution of that government-to-government relationship.

DEL and the Tribal Nations agreed upon communication and consultation protocols in September 2010, in accordance with the Centennial Accord and New Millennium Agreement. We follow both these protocols and the Accord to ensure consistent recognition of tribal sovereignty and ensure execution of government-to-government relationships. DEL coordinates, collaborates and contracts with all interested Tribes for IDEA early intervention services.

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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2010**

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