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April 17, 2009

Dr. William J. Aumiller, Superintendent
Allegany County Board of Education
P.O. Box 1724
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Dear Dr. Aumiller:

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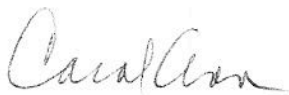
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5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.18%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 4.60%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.

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9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program had no incidences of noncompliance to be corrected in FFY 2007.	MSDE looks forward to Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
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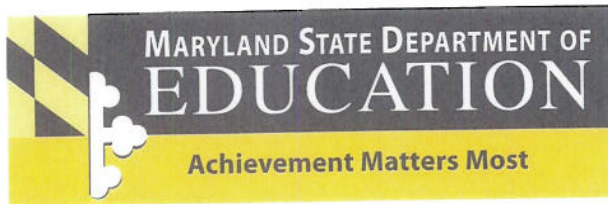
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5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.24%. This represents sight improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 1.23%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.28%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 3.43%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.5%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 96%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.9%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 97%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program reported data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from FFY 2006 of 99%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program reported data for this indicator are 97.6%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 94%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2006. All of these incidences were corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Final Program Report, Child Find 0-3 data, and exit data in a timely and accurate manner. Submission of Child Find 0-1 data was considered accurate but not timely due to a 15.57% increase in the number of children 0-1 when comparing data analyses in December 2007 to April 2009.	Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. The late submission of the Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of data. MSDE expects Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Olivia Farrow, Commissioner of Health
Baltimore City Health Department
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Dear Ms. Farrow:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (2007-2008) Part C in early June 2009. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of this action. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i) and 34 C.F.R. §300.600, MSDE is required to make determinations annually on the performance of each Local Infants and Toddlers Program in the State using the categories in 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), and use appropriate enforcement mechanisms, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §300.604, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in §300.604(a)(1) technical assistance, (a)(3) conditions on funding of an Infants and Toddlers Program, (b)(2)(i) a corrective action plan or improvement plan, (b)(2)(v) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE, and (c)(2) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), MSDE must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring, the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Needs Assistance, Year Three**.

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance, as opposed to a higher or lower category, include: (1) Not meeting State target for Performance Indicator 2; (2) Not demonstrating substantial compliance with two of six Compliance Indicators (7 & 8c) and data in Indicator 8c is below 85%; and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

- Part C Local Determination Table; and
- Part C Local Determination Framework for Technical Assistance and Intervention.

The "Part C Local Determination Table" provides an analysis of the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data. The "Part C Local Determination Framework for Technical Assistance and Intervention" provides additional information relative to technical assistance and support available to your local school system.

The MSDE FFY 2005 and FFY 2006 determination for the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program was also Needs Assistance. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C. F. R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

Pursuant to these requirements, and to assist all local Infants and Toddlers Programs to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance. In collaboration with MSDE, the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program is to identify the type, amount, and frequency of assistance needed to address the specific needs. MSDE is available to consult with the local Infants and Toddlers Program by telephone, fax, email, mail, or in-person. The specific indicators most critical to improving results for Baltimore City are: Indicator 2 (Natural Environments), Indicator 7 (45-Day Timeline), and Indicator 8c (Timeliness of Transition Planning Meetings).

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring

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accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol Ann Heath".

Carol Ann Heath, Ed. D.
Assistant State Superintendent
Division of Special Education/
Early Intervention Services

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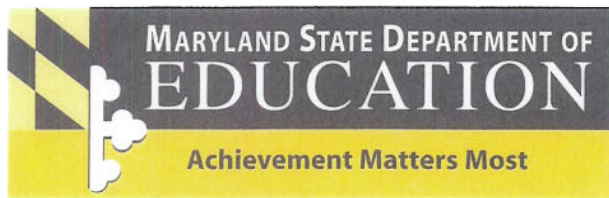
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Baltimore City County Public Schools
Part C Local Determination Table
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.6%. This is the first time period that actual service initiation dates were reported in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 100%	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 82.1%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 76.4%. The State's target for this indicator is 89.5%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program results were below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.53%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 1.67%. The State's target for this indicator is 1.50%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.99%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 3.30%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.0%. This represents slight improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 91%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.5%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 99%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.5%. This represents slight improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 99%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 82.0%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 85%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2006. All of these incidences were corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.	Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. MSDE expects Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Dr. Edward Shirley, Superintendent
Caroline County Public Schools
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Dear Dr. Shirley:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (2007-2008) Part C in early June 2009. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of this action. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i) and 34 C.F.R. §300.600, MSDE is required to make determinations annually on the performance of each Local Infants and Toddlers Program in the State using the categories in 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), and use appropriate enforcement mechanisms, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §300.604, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in §300.604(a)(1) technical assistance, (a)(3) conditions on funding of an Infants and Toddlers Program, (b)(2)(i) a corrective action plan or improvement plan, (b)(2)(v) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE, and (c)(2) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), MSDE must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring, the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Needs Assistance**.

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance Indicators 2 and 5; (2) Not Demonstrating substantial compliance in three of six Compliance Indicators (7, 8a, & 8c) and data in Indicator 8c is below 85%; and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

- Part C Local Determination Table; and
- Part C Local Determination Framework for Technical Assistance and Intervention.

The "Part C Local Determination Table" provides an analysis of the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data. The "Part C Local Determination Framework for Technical Assistance and Intervention" provides additional information relative to technical assistance and support available to your local Infants and Toddlers Program.

Please be advised that in accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C. F. R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

To assist all Local Infants and Toddlers Programs to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific Part C indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance. The specific indicators most critical to improving results for Caroline County are: Indicator 7 (45-Day Timeline) and Indicator 8c (Timeliness of Transition Planning Meetings).

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local school system on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities.

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The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Ann Heath".

Carol Ann Heath, Ed. D.
Assistant State Superintendent
Division of Special Education/
Early Intervention Services

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c: Nancy S. Grasmick
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Caroline County Public Schools
Part C Local Determination Table
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the first time period that actual service initiation dates were reported in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program reported data for this indicator are 97.4%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 97.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 89.5%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddler Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.04%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 3.11%. The State's target for this indicator is 1.50%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.68%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 3.09%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.5%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
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Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 84.6%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 87%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program had 2 incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2006. Both of these incidences were corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. MSDE expects Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools

August 4, 2008

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Dr. Edward Shirley
Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Shirley:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. On June 6, 2008 OSEP issued its determination letters to each state's lead agency for Part C on the implementation of IDEA for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2006, the 2006-2007 fiscal year. OSEP notified the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance. In accordance with §1416(e) of IDEA 2004, states must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each local Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Overview - Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations, the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program **Meets Requirements** include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance Indicators 2, 5, and 6; (2) Demonstrating substantial compliance for four of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8a, and 8b); and (3) Findings of noncompliance identified by the State in FFY 2005 were corrected within timelines in FFY 06.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

- Overview – Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations;
- Part C Local Determination Scoring Criteria;
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The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,



Carol Ann Baglin, Ed. D.
Assistant State Superintendent
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Caroline County Infants and Toddlers

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2006)

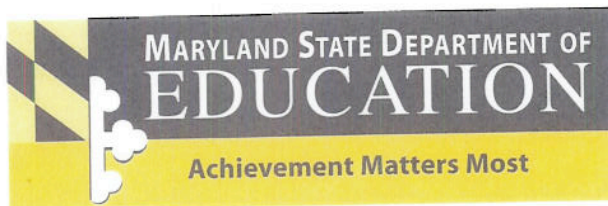
July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

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2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program reported data for this indicator are 97.7%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2005 data of 96%. The State's target for this indicator is 89%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddler Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued success.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.11%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2005 results of 2.86%. The State's target for this indicator is 1.50%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued success.

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.09%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2005 results of 3.80%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued success.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2005 results of 82%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued compliance.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSP with transition steps and services. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued compliance.

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8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2005 results of 88%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program had no Corrective Action Plans due for FFY 2006.	MSDE looks forward to Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2007 data demonstrating continued success.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data in a timely and accurate manner. Submission of the Semi-Annual Program Report and Final Program Report was accurate but not timely.	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2006. The late submission of the Semi-Annual and Final Program Reports represent the untimely submission of data. MSDE expects Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2007 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Dr. Charles I. Ecker, Superintendent
Carroll County Health Department
125 North Court Street
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Dear Dr. Ecker:

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Dr. Charles I. Ecker
April 17, 2009
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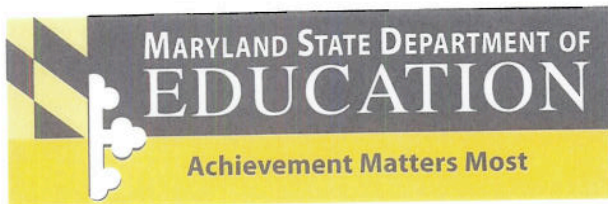
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Carroll County Public Schools
Part C Local Determination Table
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.9%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 reported data of 97.4%. The State's target for this indicator is 89.5%.	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
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Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.16%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 3.22%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.3%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 49%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
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April 17, 2009

Henry Shaffer, Interim Superintendent
Cecil County Public Schools
201 Booth Street
Elkton, Maryland 21921

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

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Henry Shaffer
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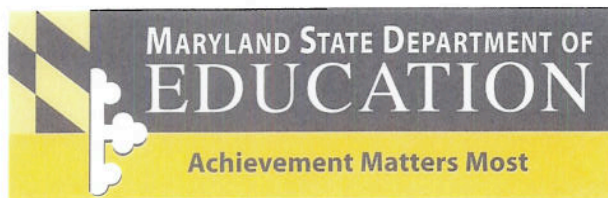
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Charles County Health Department
6 Garrett Avenue
LaPlata, Maryland 20646

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Sincerely,



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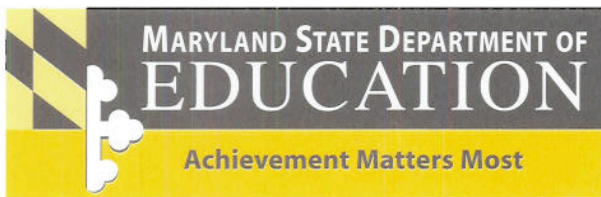
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Charles County Public Schools
Part C Local Determination Table
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the first time period that actual service initiation dates were reported in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.9%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 98.6%. The State's target is 89.5%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.48%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 1.31%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.42%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 2.52%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 99%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This was the same result reported for FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.4%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.3%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 94%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program had 2 incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2006. Both of these incidences were corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.	Charles County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. MSDE expects Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Dr. Frederic Hildenbrand, Superintendent
Dorchester County Public Schools
700 Glasgow Street
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Dear Dr. Hildenbrand:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (2007-2008) Part C in early June 2009. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of this action. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i) and 34 C.F.R. §300.600, MSDE is required to make determinations annually on the performance of each Local Infants and Toddlers Program in the State using the categories in 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), and use appropriate enforcement mechanisms, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §300.604, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in §300.604(a)(1) technical assistance, (a)(3) conditions on funding of an Infants and Toddlers Program, (b)(2)(i) a corrective action plan or improvement plan, (b)(2)(v) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE, and (c)(2) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), MSDE must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring, the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

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Dr. Frederic Hildenbrand
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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance Indicators 2, 5, and 6; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for five of six Compliance Indicators (7, 8a, 8b, 8c & 14); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

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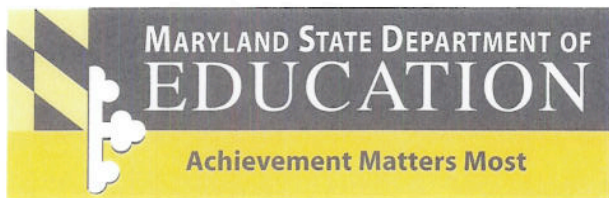
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1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 88.7%. This is the first time period that actual service initiation dates were reported in the APR. This data meet the State's target of 100%.	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 98.2%. The State's target is 89.5%	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.75%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 4.85%. The State's target for this indicator is 1.50%.	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.35%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 5.17%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
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April 17, 2009

Dr. Barbara Brookmyer, Health Officer
Frederick County Health Department
350 Montevue Lane
Frederick, Maryland 21702

Dear Dr. Brookmyer:

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State target for Performance Indicator 2; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for six of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, & 14); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

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Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
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April 17, 2009

Crystal Stewart, Director
Garrett County Partnership for Children & Families, Inc.
12423 Garrett Highway
Oakland, Maryland 21550

Dear Ms. Stewart:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (2007-2008) Part C in early June 2009. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of this action. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

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The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring, the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State target for Performance Indicator 2; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for six of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, & 14); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

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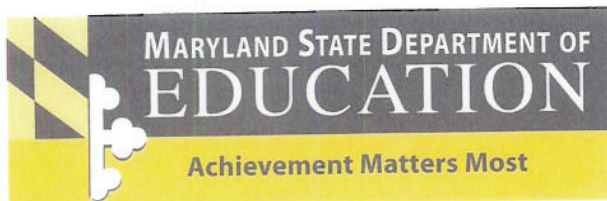
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April 17, 2009

Susan Kelly, Acting Health Officer
Harford County Health Department
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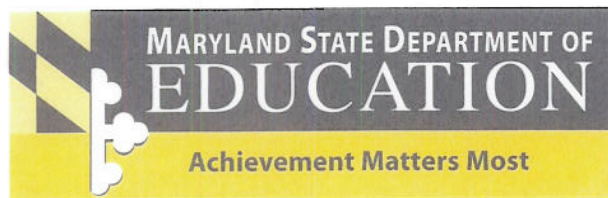
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Howard County Public Schools
10910 Route 108
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

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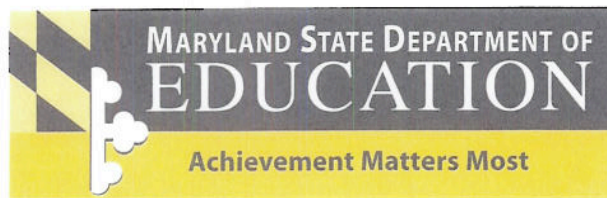
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Kent County Public Schools
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Chestertown, Maryland 21620

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Sincerely,



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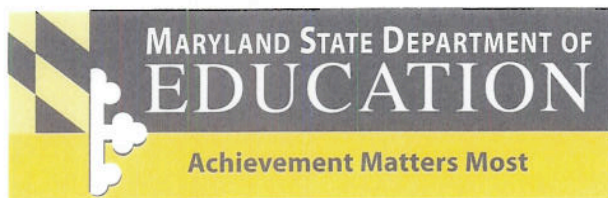
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Part C Local Determination Table
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)
July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.9%. This is the first time period that actual service initiation dates were reported in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 100%	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 reported data of 87.5%. The State's target is 89.5%	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.47%. This represents slight improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 0.00%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program results were significantly below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.67%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 1.37%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program results were significantly below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 83%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program had 2 incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2006. Both of these incidences were corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted Semi-Annual, Final Program Report, Child Find 0-1, and exit data in a timely and accurate manner. Submission of Child Find 0-3 data was considered accurate but not timely due to a 25% increase in the number of children 0-3 when comparing data analysis in December 2007 to April 2009.	Kent County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. The late submission of the Child Find 0-3 data represents the untimely submission of data. MSDE expects Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Uma Ahluwalia, Director
Montgomery County Health and Human Services
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Dear Ms. Ahluwalia:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (2007-2008) Part C in early June 2009. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of this action. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i) and 34 C.F.R. §300.600, MSDE is required to make determinations annually on the performance of each Local Infants and Toddlers Program in the State using the categories in 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), and use appropriate enforcement mechanisms, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §300.604, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in §300.604(a)(1) technical assistance, (a)(3) conditions on funding of an Infants and Toddlers Program, (b)(2)(i) a corrective action plan or improvement plan, (b)(2)(v) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE, and (c)(2) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), MSDE must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring, the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance Indicators 2 and 6; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for five of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, & 8c); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities.

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Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.1%. This is the first time period that actual service initiation dates were reported in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.6%. This represents slight improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 92.1%. The State's target is 89.5%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.45%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 1.53%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program results were below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 4.07%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 3.65%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.4%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 98%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 99%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance
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14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Final Program Report and Child Find 0-1 Data in a timely and accurate manner. The Semi-Annual Report was considered accurate but was considered untimely because it was received over 2 weeks late. Submission of Child Find 0-3 data was considered accurate but not timely due to a 17.02% decrease in the number of active children when comparing data analyses in December 2007 to April 2009. Submission of the Child Exit Data was also considered accurate but not timely due to a 40.36%	Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of Child Find 0-1 data and the Final Program Report for FFY 2007. The late submission of the Child Find 0-3, Child Exit Data, and Semi-Annual Report represent the untimely submission of data. MSDE expects Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.

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Dr. Donald Shell, Health Officer
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Dear Dr. Shell:

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance, as opposed to a higher or lower category, include: (1) Not meeting State targets for Performance Indicators 2, 5 and 6; (2) Not demonstrating substantial compliance with one of six Compliance Indicators (8c); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

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The MSDE FFY 2005 and FFY 2006 determination for the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program was also Needs Assistance. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

Pursuant to these requirements, and to assist all local Infants and Toddlers Programs to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance. In collaboration with MSDE, the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program is to identify the type, amount, and frequency of assistance needed to address the specific needs. MSDE is available to consult with the local Infants and Toddlers Program by telephone, fax, email, mail, or in-person. The specific indicators most critical to improving results for Prince George's County are: Indicator 2 (Natural Environment), Indicator 5 (Child Find 0-1), Indicator 6 (Child Find 0-3), and Indicator 8c (Timeliness of Transition Planning Meetings).

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Sincerely,

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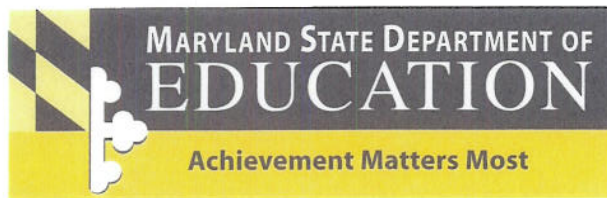
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2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 82.3%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 reported data of 75.1%. The State's target is 89.5%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program results were below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.82%. This represents slight slippage from the FFY 2006 data of 0.86%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program results were significantly below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.90%. This represents slight improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 1.87%. The State's target is 2.88%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program results were significantly below the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
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8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 94.8%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 91%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Prince George's Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Prince George's Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.
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Dr. Carol A. Williams, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Williams:

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Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.53%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 1.03%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddler Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued success.

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8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program had 1 incidence of noncompliance in FFY 2006. This incidence was corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.	Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. MSDE expects Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Dr. Karen-Lee Brofee, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Brofee:

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To assist all Local Infants and Toddlers Programs to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific Part C indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance. The specific indicators most critical to improving results for Somerset County are: Indicator 7 (45-Day Timeline) and Indicator 8c (Timeliness of Transition Planning Meetings).

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to:	The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.45%. This	The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data results were significantly below the State's target for this indicator.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
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Nancy S. Grasmick
State Superintendent of Schools

April 17, 2009

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Dr. William B. Icenhower, Health Officer
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Dear Dr. Icenhower:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Ann Heath".

Carol Ann Heath, Ed. D.
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2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or programs for typically developing children. [Results Indicator]	The St. Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 75.4%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 data of 60.8%. The State's target is 89.5%	The St. Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the St. Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
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April 17, 2009

Dr. Karen Salmon, Superintendent
Talbot County Public Schools
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Easton, Maryland 21601

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Washington County Public Schools
820 Commonwealth Avenue
Hagerstown, Maryland 21741

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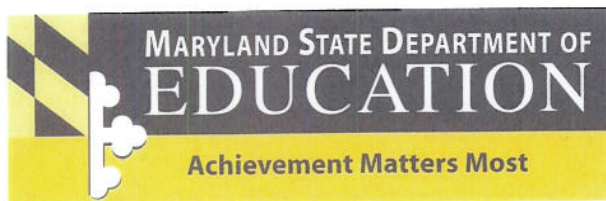
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Wicomico County Board of Education
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Salisbury, Maryland 21801

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5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.26%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 1.43%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to: A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and B. National data. [Results Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.60%. This represents slippage from the FFY 2006 results of 2.74%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline. [Compliance Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 96.6%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2006 results of 91%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; [Compliance Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This was the same result reported for FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and [Compliance Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This was the same result reported for FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.

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8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. [Compliance Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This was the same result reported for FFY 2006. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. [Compliance Indicator]	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program had 1 incidence of noncompliance in FFY 2006. This incidence was corrected in FFY 2007, within 1 year of notification.	MSDE looks forward to Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2008 data demonstrating continued compliance.
14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate. [Compliance Indicator]	Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.	Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2007. MSDE expects Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2008 data to be timely and accurate.



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April 17, 2009

Dr. Jon Andes, Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Andes:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (2007-2008) Part C in early June 2009. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of this action. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i) and 34 C.F.R. §300.600, MSDE is required to make determinations annually on the performance of each Local Infants and Toddlers Program in the State using the categories in 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), and use appropriate enforcement mechanisms, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §300.604, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in §300.604(a)(1) technical assistance, (a)(3) conditions on funding of an Infants and Toddlers Program, (b)(2)(i) a corrective action plan or improvement plan, (b)(2)(v) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE, and (c)(2) withholding funds, in whole or in part, by MSDE. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), MSDE must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets as defined by the SPP for Part C. Attached is a document entitled "*Part C and Part B Public Agency Determinations*" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on available data, as well as information obtained through monitoring, the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

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Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Worcester Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance Indicators 2 and 5; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for five of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8b, 8c, & 14); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of identification.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

- Part C Local Determination Table; and
- Part C Local Determination Framework for Technical Assistance and Intervention.

The "Part C Local Determination Table" provides an analysis of the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data. The "Part C Local Determination Framework for Technical Assistance and Intervention" provides additional information relative to technical assistance and support available to your local Infants and Toddlers Program.

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,



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Division of Special Education/
Early Intervention Services

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attachments

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Branch/Section Chiefs

Worcester County Public Schools

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2007)

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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