



May 18, 2010

Dr. David Cox Superintendent Allegany County Public Schools P.O. Box 1724 Cumberland, Maryland 21502-1724

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Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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2.	Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.4%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 97.8%. The State's target is 90.0%.	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
4A	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 77.6%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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5.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.68%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 2.18%. 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 the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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6.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 6.03%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 4.65%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
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Pursuant to these requirements, MSDE is advising the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance related to Indicator1, Indicator 2, and Indicator 8c. A list of sources of technical assistance is available by accessing http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org/. 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 the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program are: 1, 2, and 8c.

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Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program Part C Local Determination Table Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.4%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007*	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	data of 97.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	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.
2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 80.9%. This a decrease from the FFY 2007	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	results of 82.1%. The State's target is 90.0%.	MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 74.6%. This is the first time that the data were	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.
A. Know their rights;	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this	MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	indicator is 75.0%.	target.

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 results that meet the State's target.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.48%. This represents a slight decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 1.53%. The State's target is 1.50%.	5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 84.4%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	 4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 73.8%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

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8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.1%. This	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.
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	represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 99.5%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]		
 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator] 	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 87.6%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 82.0%. 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program had 7 (of 7) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

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Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
14. State reported data (618 and State	Baltimore City Infants and	Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate
Performance Plan and Annual	Toddlers Program submitted 618	submission of required 618 data and program report for FFY 2008. The late
Performance Report) are timely and	data and the Semi-Annual	submission of the SFY 2009 Final Report represents the untimely submission
accurate.	Report in a timely and accurate	of data.
(2011 S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)	manner. However, the Final	
(20 0.5.C. 1+10(a)(5)(D) and 1++2)	Program report was not	
[Compliance Indicator]	submitted in a timely manner.	MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program's
		submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





May 18, 2010

Dr. Gregory Branch Health Officer Baltimore County Health Department 6401 York Road, 3rd Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Dear Dr. Branch:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is **Meets Requirements**.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, 4c, and 6; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for four of six Compliance Indicators (7, 8a, 8b, & 8c); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of notification.



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Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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

The "Part C Local Determination Table" provides an analysis of the Baltimore 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.

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 also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Baltimore 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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MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 78.2%. This is the first time that the data were	4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:
MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	FFY 2007 results of 97.7%. The State's target is 90.0%.	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.9%. This represents an increase from the	 Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.
	*FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	
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.	represents an increase from the FFY 2007* data of 84.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]
The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.7%. This	 Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)		The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
[Results Indicator]		MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.1%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 92.5%. 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 the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	C The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.4%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 97.9%. 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 the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.

		[Compliance Indicator]
	indicator is 100%.	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)
FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	The State's target for this	from identification.
MSDF looks forward to the Raltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program	within 1 year of notification	hut in no case later than one year
	6) incidences of noncompliance	hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects
target for this indicator.	and Toddlers Program had 6 (of	
The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's	The Baltimore County Infants	9. General supervision system
		[Compliance Indicator]
		(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).
		potentially eligible for Part B.
0	100%.	
MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.	FFY 2007 results of 97.6%. The State's target for this indicator is	appropriate community services by their third birthday including:
	represents a decrease from the	transition to preschool and other
substantial compliance for this indicator.	and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 96.0%. This	who received timely transition planning to support the child's
The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent	The Baltimore County Infants	8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C
		[Compliance Indicator]
		(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)
		 B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and
FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	indicator is 100%.	their third birthday including:
MSDE looks forward to the Boltimore County Infants and Toddley, Drowners	the same result reported in FFY	transition to preschool and other
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14. State reported data (618 and State	Baltimore County Infants and	Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for
Performance Plan and Annual	Toddlers Program submitted the	accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008.
Performance Report) are timely and	Semi-Annual Report, Final	The late entry of Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of
accurate.	Program Report, and Child Find	data.
(2011 S.C. 1/16/a)(3)(B) and 1//2)	0-3 data in an accurate and	
(20 C.S.C. 1710(a)(5)(D) and 1772)	timely manner. Submission of	
[Compliance Indicator]	Child Find 0-1 data was	MSDE expects the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers.Program's
	considered accurate but not	submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.
	timely due to a 30.30% increase	
	in the number of children 0-1	
	when comparing the data	
	analyses in December 2008 and	
	April 2010.	





May 18, 2010

Dr. Jack R. Smith Superintendent Calvert County Public Schools 1305 Dares Beach Road Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Dear Dr. Smith:

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		[Results Indicator]
MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	family: A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 90 6%. This is the	4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intercention services have belief the
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	*FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	
MSDE looks forward to the Calvert Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.	indicator are 99.3%. This is the same result as reported in FFY 2007*. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial	The Calvert County Infants and	1. Percent of infants and toddlers with
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

MSDE expects the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.	represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 0.84%. The State's target is 1.50%.	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.12%. This	 Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.
	4	[Results Indicator]
MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.8%. This is the first time that the data were	4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:
		[Results Indicator]
FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program	first time that the data were measured against targets in the	intervention services have neiped the family: B. Effectively communicate their
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	100%.	A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)	
MSDE looks forward to the Calvert Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.	represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is	transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:	
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 96.0%. This	8A. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's	∞
FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	State's target for this indicator is 100%.	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	
MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program	represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 97.8%. The	evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45-day timeline.	
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this	7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an	7
target.	anger for this material is 2.00%.	[Results Higheary]	44-1-1-1-1
MSDE expects the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's	decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 3.17%. The State's	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)	
The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.86%. This is a	 Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. 	6
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8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:	same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and	5	
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)		
[Compliance Indicator]		
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:	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.9%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Calvert Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
 C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. 		
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator]		
 General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects 	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program had 2 (of 2) incidences of noncompliance in	The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification.	FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this	MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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[Compliance Indicator]		submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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May 18, 2010

Dr. Edward Shirley Superintendent Caroline County Public Schools 204 Franklin Street Denton, Maryland 21629

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

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Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program Part C Local Determination Table Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data.	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.53%. This is a	The Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]		MSDE expects the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
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Page	Caroline County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. The late entry of Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of data. MSDE expects the Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps



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May 18, 2010

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Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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6.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.01%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 3.29%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2007 results of 97.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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 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. U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 (of 5) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Final Program Report, Child Find 0-1, and Child Find 0-3 data in an accurate and timely manner.	Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. MSDE expects the Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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May 18, 2010

Dr. C. Devadason Health Officer Charles County Health Department P.O. Box 1050 White Plains, Maryland 20695

Dear Dr. Devadason:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is **Meets Requirements**.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, and 4c; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for five of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, & 14); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of notification.

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Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

- · Part C Local Determination Table; and
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The "Part C Local Determination Table" provides an analysis of the Charles 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.

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 also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Charles 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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Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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4A	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 89.9%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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4B.	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 88.4%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
4C.	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 94.2%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
5.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.37%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 1.48%. 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

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6.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.29%. This is a slight decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 2.42%. 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.3%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results 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 the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
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May 18, 2010

Dr. Frederic Hildenbrand Superintendent Dorchester County Board of Education 700 Glasgow Street Cambridge, Maryland 21613

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Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, 4c, and 5; (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 notification.

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(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)		
[Compliance Indicator]		
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:	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.		
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).		
[Compliance Indicator]		
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.	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program had no incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007.	The Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)		
[Compliance Indicator]		

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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Final Program Report, Child Find 0-1, and Child Find 0-3 data in an accurate and timely manner.	Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. MSDE expects the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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May 18, 2010

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

Dear Dr. Brookmyer:

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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 on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is Meets Requirements.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 4a, 4b, 4c, 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 notification.

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The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Frederick 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 Heath, Ed. D. Assistant State Superintendent

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Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
nd toddlers with the early ss on their IFSPs	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] *FF	represents an increase from the FFY 2007* results of 99.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
llers with ve early home or	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 85.7%. This	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 92.5%. The State's target is 90.0%.	MSDE expects the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.9%. This is the first time that the data were	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
ow their rights; S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) s Indicator]	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.10%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 1.28%. The State's target is 1.50%.	5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)[Results Indicator]
The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success. The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 91.2%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%. The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.8%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	tors Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's	art C The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including: B. Notification to LEA, if child	the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	442)	
 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). 	art C The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.5%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 result of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. 1d is 100%.	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
[Compliance Indicator] [Compliance Indicator] 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 (of 5) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
14. State reported data (618 and State	Frederick County Infants and	Frederick County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. The late
Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and	Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Final	submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. The late entry of Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of data.
accurate.	Program Report, and Child Find	
(2011 & C 1416(2)(2)(D) and 1442)	0-3 data in an accurate and	
(20 U.S.C. 1410(a)(5)(b) and 1442)	timely manner. Submission of	MSDE expects the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program's
[Compliance Indicator]	Child Find 0-1 data was	submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.
	considered accurate but not	
	timely due to a 26.47% increase	
	in the number of children 0-1	
,	when comparing the data	
8	analyses in December 2008 and	
2	April 2010.	





May 18, 2010

Crystal Stewart President/CEO Garrett County Partnership for Children and 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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

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Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, and 4c; (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 notification.

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The MSDE also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Garrett 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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 4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 	Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators
The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 87.5%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target is 90.0%.	The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.8%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007* results of 96.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	Status
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Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	 4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators
The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.63%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 1.35%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 87.5%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	Status
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MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]
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MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators
8	in an accurate and timely manner. Submission of the Final Program Report has not yet been received so cannot be considered timely or accurate.	Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Child Find 0-1 data, and Child Find 0-3 data	Status
	MSDE expects the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.	Garrett County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for timely and accurate submission of required 618 data for FFY 2008. However, the late submission of the SFY 2009 Final Report represents the untimely and inaccurate submission of data.	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps





May 18, 2010

Ms. Susan Kelly Health Officer Harford County Health Department 120 S. Hays Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

N	Ionitoring 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.6%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007* results of 94.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Harford 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 community-based settings. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.7%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 92.2%. The State's target is 90.0%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
4A	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 81.3%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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4B.	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 80.2%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
4C	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.4%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
5.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.74%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.37%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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6.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.89%. This is an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 3.13%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.4%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 result of 98.5%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 94.8%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 result of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Harford 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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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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.9%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007 result of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
	[Compliance Indicator]		
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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.5%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 result of 91.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 (of 5) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that was corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

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.	Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.	Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]		MSDE expects the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





May 18, 2010

Dr. Sydney L. Cousin Superintendent Howard County Public Schools 10910 Route 108 Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Dear Dr. Cousin:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is **Meets Requirements**.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 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 notification.

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Sincerely,

Carol Ann Heath, Ed. D. Assistant State Superintendent

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 4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 	 Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings. U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 	 Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators
The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 81.3%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.3%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 92.6%. The State's target is 90.0%.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.7%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007* data of 99.5%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	Status
The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps

5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	 4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators 4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.15%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.14%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 86.3%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 78.8%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.
The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
14. State reported data (618 and State	Howard County Infants and	Howard County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate
Performance Plan and Annual	Toddlers Program submitted the	submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. The late
Performance Report) are timely and	Semi-Annual Report, Final	entry of Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of data.
accurate.	Program Report, and Child Find	
(2011 C 1/16/2)/B) and 1//2)	0-3 data in an accurate and	
(20 C.S.C. 1410(a)(3)(b) and 1442)	timely manner. Submission of	MSDE expects the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program's
[Compliance Indicator]	Child Find 0-1 data was	submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.
	considered accurate but not	
	timely due to a 30.77% increase	
	in the number of children 0-1	
	when comparing the data	
	analyses in December 2008 and	
	April 2010.	





May 18, 2010

Dr. A. Barbara Wheeler Superintendent Kent County Pubic Schools 215 Washington Avenue Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Dear Dr. Wheeler:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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.

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Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2 and 4c; (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 notification.

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The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Kent 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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Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program Part C Local Determination Table Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.	represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 0.47%. The State's target is 1.50%.	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.88%. This	5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.
		[Results Indicator]
MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the first time that the data were	4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:
		[Results Indicator]
implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 66.7%. This is the first time that the data were	4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

		[Compliance Indicator]
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The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program had 1 (of 1)	9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints,
		(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator]
		C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.
MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:
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		[Compliance Indicator]
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required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.		[Compliance Indicator]
MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of	a timely and accurate manner.	(20 U.s.c. 1410(a)(3)(b) and 1442)
	data, and Child Find 0-1 data in	(2011 & C 1/16/6)/(2)/(B) and 1//(2)
	Program Report, Child Find 0-3	accurate.
FFY 2008.	Semi-Annual Report, Final	Performance Report) are timely and
e timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for	Toddlers Program submitted the	Performance Plan and Annual
Kent County Infant	Kent County Infants and	14. State reported data (618 and State
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators





May 18, 2010

Ms. Uma Ahluwalia Director Montgomery County Health and Human Services 401 Hungerford Drive, 5th floor Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Ms. Ahluwalia:

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Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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4C.	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 91.6%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
5.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.78%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.45%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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6.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 4.59%. This is an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 4.07%. 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 the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.6%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 99.4%. 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 the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.9%. This is a slight decrease from the FFY 2007 result of 100%. 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 the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator] 	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.3%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 98.8%. 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 the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program had 6 (of 6) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Final Program Report, Child Find 0-3 data, and Child Find 0-1 data in a timely and accurate manner.	Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. MSDE expects the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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May 18, 2010

Dr. Donald Shell Health Officer Prince George's County Health Department 1701 McCormick Drive Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Dr. Shell:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is Meets Requirements.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 4a, 4b, and 4c; (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 notification.

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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 Prince George's 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.

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 also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Prince George's 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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Assistant State Superintendent Division of Special Education/

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Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009

July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Mon	itoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
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IF int co	ercent of infants and toddlers with CSPs who primarily receive early tervention services in the home or ommunity-based settings. O U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) Results Indicator]	*FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 87.4%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 82.3%. The State's target is 90.0%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet 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.
Pa int fai A.	ercent of families participating in art C who report that early tervention services have helped the mily: . Know their rights; 20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 86.1%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

N	lonitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
4B	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 84.4%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
4C	Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 94.1%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
5.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.99%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 0.82%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet 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.

N	Aonitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
6.	Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.02%. This is an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.90%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet 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.
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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.1%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 96.1%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase of from the FFY 2007 results of 98.3%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.7%. This is a slight decrease from the FFY 2007 result of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.6%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 94.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program had 7 (of 7) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.

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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] 	Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Final Program Report, Child Find 0-1 data, and Child Find 0-3 data in a timely and accurate manner. Submission of the Semi-Annual Report was considered accurate but not timely.	Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for timely and accurate submission of required 618 data for FFY 2008. However, the late submission of the SFY 2009 Semi-Annual Report represents the untimely submission of data. MSDE expects the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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May 18, 2010

Dr. Carol Williamson Superintendent Queen Anne's County Board of Education 202 Chesterfield Avenue Centreville, Maryland 21617

Dear Dr. Williamson:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6; (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 notification.

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The MSDE also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Queen Anne's 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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Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program Part C Local Determination Table Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

	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.	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	in FFY 2007*. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
		*FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	
K. S.	2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FEY 2000 data demonstrating Continued Success
	[Results Indicator]	for this indicator is 90.0%.	Fiogram Fi 1 2007 data demonstrating continued success.
	4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family.	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 86.7%. This is the first time that the data	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
	A. Know their rights;	were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for	MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)	this indicator is 75.0%.	

The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 4.17%. This is an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 3.34%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%. The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success. 2.88%. The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
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planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:	This is the same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
 B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and 	-	
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)		
[Compliance Indicator]		
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	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers
C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.		
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator]		
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program had 3 (of 3) incidences of	The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)	were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
[Compliance Indicator]		

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
14. State reported data (618 and State	Queen Anne's County Infants	Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's
Performance Plan and Annual	and Toddlers Program submitted	target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and
Performance Report) are timely and	the Semi-Annual Report, Final	program reports for FFY 2008.
accurate.	Program Report, Child Find 0-3	
(2011 8 C 1416(2)(2)(D) 2-4 1442)	data, and Child Find 0-1 data in	
(20 U.S.C. 1410(8)(5)(5) and 1442)	a timely and accurate manner.	MSDE expects the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program's
[Compliance Indicator]		submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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Dr. Karen-Lee Brofee Superintendent Somerset County Public Schools 7982-A Tawes Campus Drive Westover, Maryland 21871

Dear Dr. Byoree:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. Last year OSEP notified the MSDE that Maryland's Part C Determination was at the level of Meets Requirements.

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Pursuant to these requirements, MSDE is advising the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance related to Indicator 1, Indicator 2, Indicator 7, and Indicator 8c. A list of sources of technical assistance is available by accessing http://spp-apr-calendar.rrfcnetwork.org/. 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 Somerset 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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers are: Indicators 1, 2, and 7.

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The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.71%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 0.35%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	Status
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The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 85.7%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 92.9%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.32%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 1.45%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.	Status
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MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
14. State reported data (618 and State	Somerset County Infants and	Somerset County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for timely
Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and	Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Child	and accurate submission of required 618 data for FFY 2008. However, the late submission of the SFY 2009 Final Report represents the untimely submission
accurate.	Find 0-3 data, and Child Find 0- of data.	of data.
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[Compliance Indicator]	Program Report was considered	Program Report was considered MSDE expects the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program's
	accurate but not timely.	submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.



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May 18, 2010

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Dear Dr. Icenhower:

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4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: B. Effectively communicate their children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 70.0%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%.	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
 4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 80.0%. This is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 83.0%.	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Talbot 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 national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.91%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.76%. The State's target is 1.50%.	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

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6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data.(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)[Results Indicator]
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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]
 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; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)

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8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:	same result reported in FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
 B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and 		
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)		
[Compliance Indicator]	-	
 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. 	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 90.9%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 result of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Talbot 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.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442). [Compliance Indicator]		
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.	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program had 1 (of 1) incidence of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that was corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
[Compliance Indicator]		

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14. State reported data (618 and State	Talbot County Infants and	Talbot County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate
	Toddlers Program submitted the	submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008. The late
Performance Report) are timely and	Semi-Annual Report, Final	entry of Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of data.
	Program Report, and Child Find	
	0-3 data in a timely and accurate	
(20 U.S.C. 1410(a)(3)(b) and 1442)	manner. Submission of Child	MSDE expects the Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission
[Compliance Indicator]	Find 0-1 data was considered	of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.
	accurate but not timely due to a	
	37.50% increase in the number	
	of children 0-1 when comparing	
	the data analyses in December	
	2008 and April 2010.	





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May 18, 2010

Dr. Elizabeth M. Morgan Superintendent Washington County Board of Education P.O. Box 730 Hagerstown, Maryland 21741

Dear Dr. Morgan:

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is **Meets Requirements**.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4b, and 4c; (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 notification.

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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 also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Washington 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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<u> </u>	Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner.	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.3%. This represents an increase from the	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.
	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	FFY 2007* reported results of 95.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	MSDE looks forward to the Washington Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
	IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.	Ine Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.6%. This represents an increase from the	target for this indicator.
	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)	FFY 2007 reported results of 95.7%. The State's target for	MSDE looks forward to the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
	[Results Indicator]	this indicator is 90.0%.	
	Part C who report that early	and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are \$7.7%. This is	target for this indicator.
	family:	the first time that the data were	MODE looks forward to the Wookington County Infants and Toddiero
	A. Know their rights;	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this	MSDE looks forward to the Washington County Infants and Loddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)	indicator is 75.0%.	C
	[Results Indicator]		

MSDE expects the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.	this indicator are 1.38%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.37%. The State's target is 1.50%.	data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator]
The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data for	5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national
		[Results Indicator]
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The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 91.8%. This is	4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the
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MSDE looks forward to the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program FFV 2000 data demonstrating continued success	the first time that the data were measured against targets in the	family: B. Effectively communicate their
The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 80.6%. This is	4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the
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appropriate community services by their third birthday including: C. Transition conference, if child	FFY 2007 results of 95.3%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	MSDE looks forward to the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
potentially eligible for Part B. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).		
[Compliance Indicator]		
9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program had 6 (of 6) incidences of noncompliance	The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification.	in FFY 2007 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this	MSDE looks forward to the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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14. State reported data (618 and State Wa	ashington County Infants and	Washington County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for
Performance Plan and Annual To-	ddlers Program submitted the	timely and accurate submission of required 618 data for FFY 2008. However,
Performance Report) are timely and Ch	ild Find 0-1 data and the	the late submission of the SFY 2009 Semi-Annual and Final Reports
	ild Find 0-3 data in a timely	represents the untimely and inaccurate submission of data.
	d accurate manner. However,	
	omission of Semi-Annual and	
Fin	nal Program Reports were not	MSDE expects the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program's
sut	omitted in a timely manner.	submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.
	nd s	tte Washington of Toddlers Pro and Child Find 0. Child Find 0. and accurate submission of Final Program submitted in





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May 18, 2010

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		[Results Indicator]
MSDE looks forward to the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)
The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.7%. This is the first time that the data were	4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:
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The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY	2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.
	*FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	
MSDE looks forward to the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.	represents an increase from the FFY 2007* reported results of 97.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]
The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.1%. This	1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs
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The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program had 2 (of 2) incidences of noncompliance	9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings etc.) identifies and corrects
		[Compliance Indicator]
		C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).
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14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.	Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 for the timely and data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner. Wicomico County For the timely and reports for FFY 20	Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports for FFY 2008.
(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]		MSDE expects the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.





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Dr. Jon Andes Superintendent Worcester County Board of Education 6270 Worcester Highway Newark, Maryland 21841

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) 2008 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) Part C in early June 2010. 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), states are required to assign these same levels of determination annually under §1416(d) to each local Infants and Toddlers Program based on performance on the required federal indicators. 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 "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, if any occurred, the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program determination is **Meets Requirements**.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2, 4a, 4c 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 notification.



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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.

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 also intends to make a change in the determination criteria to take place for the FFY 2009 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) local determinations. In particular, the MSDE will add a new component to "Meets Requirements" which will require full compliance (100%) for at least 1 compliance indicator. This change is being made to align determinations more closely with OSEP's criteria for attaining full compliance.

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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Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program Part C Local Determination Table Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2009 July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

	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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.5%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007* reported results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Worcester Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.
	[Compliance Indicator]	this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	
2.	Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in the home or community-based settings.	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator]	2007. The State's target for this indicator is 90.0%.	MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
4,	4A. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 76.9%. This is the first time that the data were	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.
	A. Know their rights; (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)	measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 75.0%.	MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.

FFY 2008 SPP/APR Response Table

Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator] The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.38%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.66%. [Results Indicator] The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for target for this indicator. FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.
Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family: C. Help their children develop and learn. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Results Indicator] The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for target for this indicator. The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. ### Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for target for this indicator. #### Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for target for this indicator. ###################################
Percent of families participating in Intervention services have helped the first time that the data were children's needs (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for State's target for this is the first time that the data were measured against targets in the APR. The State's target for this indicator is 73.0%. The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the inplement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.
Monitoring Priorities and Indicators Status MSDE Analysis/Next Steps [Results Indicator]

Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to national data. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Results Indicator] 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator] The Worcester County Infants indicator is 2.88%. The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.
Status The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.94%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 1.91%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%. The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.

		[Compliance Indicator]
	indicator is 100%.	(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)
MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this	but in no case later than one year from identification.
	1) incidence of noncompliance in FFY 2007 that was corrected	hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible
The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program had 1 (of	9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints,
		[Compliance Indicator]
		(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).
		C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.
MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Loddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	appropriate community services by their third birthday including:
	the same result reported in FFY	transition to preschool and other
target for this indicator.	and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is	who received timely transition planning to support the child's
The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's	The Worcester County Infants	8C. Percent of all children exiting Part C
		[Compliance Indicator]
		(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)
		B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and
MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.	2007. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.	appropriate community services by their third birthday including:
	the same result reported in FFY	transition to preschool and other
The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for	8B. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators

		[Compliance Indicator]
MSDE expects the Warrester County Infants and Toddlers Program's		(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)
	a timely and accurate manner.	accurate.
for FFY 2008.	618 data and program reports in for FFY 2008.	Performance Report) are timely and
the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data and program reports	Toddlers Program submitted	Performance Plan and Annual
Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for	Worcester County Infants and	14. State reported data (618 and State
MSDE Analysis/Next Steps	Status	Monitoring Priorities and Indicators