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May 18, 2010

Dr. David Cox  
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Dear Dr. Cox:

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Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. Specific factors affecting MSDE's determination that the Allegany 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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Sincerely,



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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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# Anne Arundel County Infants and Toddlers Program

## Part C Local Determination Table

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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 Indicator 1, 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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The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,



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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
<p>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]</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.4%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007* data of 97.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.  *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 80.9%. This a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 82.1%. The State's target is 90.0%.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 74.6%. 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%.</p>	<p>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.</p>



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<p>4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>B. Effectively communicate their children's needs</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
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<p>5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>

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<p>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:</p> <p>B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.1%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 99.5%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.</p>
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<p>14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and the Semi-Annual Report in a timely and accurate manner. However, the Final Program report was not submitted in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate submission of required 618 data and program report for FFY 2008. The late submission of the SFY 2009 Final Report represents the untimely submission of data.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.</p>





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May 18, 2010

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Dear Dr. Branch:

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Part C Local Determination Table**

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Dear Dr. Shirley:

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May 18, 2010

Mr. Henry Shaffer  
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Dear Mr. Shaffer:

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 Cecil 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 Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program met requirements include: (1) Meeting State targets for Performance/Results Indicators 2 and 6; (2) Demonstrating at least substantial compliance for five of six Compliance Indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, & 8c); and (3) Correcting all incidents of noncompliance no later than one year from the date of 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 Cecil 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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**Cecil County Infants and Toddlers Program**  
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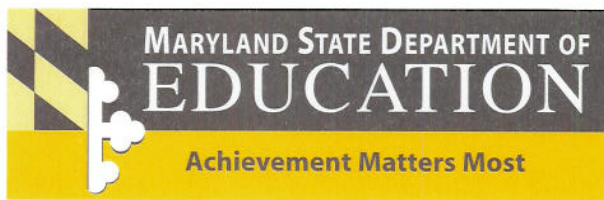


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<p>9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Charles 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%.</p>	<p>The Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>



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<p>14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>Charles 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.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 18, 2010

Dr. Frederic Hildenbrand  
Superintendent  
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Dear Dr. Hildenbrand:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 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 Dorchester 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 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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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 Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,



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**Dorchester 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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**Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program  
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<p>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:</p> <p>C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.</p>
<p>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)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>

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<p>14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Semi-Annual Report, Final Program Report, and Child Find 0-3 data in an accurate and timely manner. Submission of Child Find 0-1 data was considered accurate but not timely due to a 26.47% increase in the number of children 0-1 when comparing the data analyses in December 2008 and April 2010.</p>	<p>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 entry of Child Find 0-1 data represents the untimely submission of data.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.</p>





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May 18, 2010

Crystal Stewart  
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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.

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 Garrett 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 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 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 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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**Garrett 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
<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.  *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.  MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating 100% compliance.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.  MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.  MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>



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<p>4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>B. Effectively communicate their children's needs</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
<p>4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>C. Help their children develop and learn.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
<p>5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>

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<p>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]</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.18%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 2.21%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.  MSDE expects the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>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 for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.  MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>The Garrett 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%.</p>	<p>The Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.  MSDE looks forward to the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>



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Dear Ms. Kelly:

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Sincerely,



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**Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program**  
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Dr. Sydney L. Cousin  
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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.

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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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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 Howard 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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## Howard 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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<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.  *FFY 2007: July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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<p>4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>C. Help their children develop and learn.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
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<p>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]</p>	<p>The Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.95%. This is an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 2.93%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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**Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program  
Part C Local Determination Table**

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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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**Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program**  
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May 18, 2010

Dr. Karen-Lee Brofee  
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Dear Dr. Brofee:

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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# St. Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program

## Part C Local Determination Table

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

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Dear Dr. Salmon:

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<p>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]</p>	<p>The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.21%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2007 results of 2.50%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.  MSDE expects the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>
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<p>14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Child Find 0-1 data and the Child Find 0-3 data in a timely and accurate manner. However, submission of Semi-Annual and Final Program Reports were not submitted in a timely manner.</p>	<p>Washington 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 and Final Reports represents the untimely and inaccurate submission of data.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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Dear Dr. Fredericksen:

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 Wicomico 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 Wicomico 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 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 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 Wicomico 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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**Wicomico 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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<p>4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>B. Effectively communicate their children's needs</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.5%. 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%.</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
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<p>[Results Indicator]</p> <p>4B. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>B. Effectively communicate their children's needs</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 69.2%. 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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>
<p>4C. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family:</p> <p>C. Help their children develop and learn.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.3%. 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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
<p>5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to national data.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Results Indicator]</p>	<p>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%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued success.</p>

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<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
<p>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]</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.8%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2007 results of 80.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Worcester 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.</p>

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<p>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:</p> <p>B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Worcester 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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
<p>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:</p> <p>C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Worcester 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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Worcester 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%.</p>	<p>The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2009 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>



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<p>14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>Worcester 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.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2009 data to be timely and accurate.</p>