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May 2, 2011

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Dear Dr. Cox:

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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target.

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In addition, the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Allegany 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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**Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

**Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

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 Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 data of 99.1%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p> <p>*FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</p>	<p>The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Allegany Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued 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 Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 97.3%. This represents a slight decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 98.4%. The State's target is 90.5%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 89.1%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 data of 77.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.7%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 data of 87.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.26%. This represents a slight decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 3.68%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</p>

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<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 Allegany County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
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Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. §1416(a)(1)(C)(i), MSDE is also required to make determinations annually on the performance of each Infants and Toddlers Program in the State using the categories in 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), use appropriate mechanisms, consistent with 34 C.F.R. §300.604, which must include, if applicable, the enforcement mechanisms identified in 34 C.F.R. §300.604(a)(1) (technical assistance), (a)(3) (conditions on funding of a local school system), (b)(2)(i) (a corrective action plan or improvement plan), (b)(2)(v) (withholding funds, in whole or in part by MSDE), and (c)(2) (withholding funds, in whole or part, by MSDE). In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C.F.R. §300.603(b)(1), MSDE must use one of the following four categories to assign a determination to each Infants and Toddlers Program: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, and Needs Substantial Intervention.

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Needs Assistance, Year Five**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

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The MSDE recognizes and appreciates the significant improvements made by Baltimore City over the past year. Your incredible progress is evident in that the FFY 2009 data for almost all indicators were sufficient to Meet Requirements. However, to Meet Requirements, Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program must also provide their data, programmatic, and fiscal reports in a timely and accurate manner, consistent with indicator 14.

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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

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

The MSDE FFY 2005, FFY 2006, FFY 2007, and FFY 2008 determinations for Baltimore City Infants and Toddlers Program were also Needs Assistance. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C. F. R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

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Pursuant to these requirements, and to assist all local school systems to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local Infants and Toddlers Program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calender.rfcnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance.

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Those local Infants and Toddlers Programs that were below the State's target on any indicator are required to access sources of technical assistance and inform MSDE of the type, amount, and frequency of assistance needed to address specific needs. The specific indicators most critical to improving the results for Baltimore City are Submission of Timely and Accurate Data, Natural Environments, Family Outcomes (Communicate Needs), Child Find 0-3, and Timely Services.

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the 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) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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 90.9%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2008* data of 93.4%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p> <p>*FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</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 correction of noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year.</p>
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<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 77.6%. This represents improvement from the FFY 2008 results of 74.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</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 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</p>

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May 2, 2011

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**Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program
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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 County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the 618 data, the programmatic reports, and the fiscal reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data, fiscal reports, and program reports for FFY 2009.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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Dr. Jack R. Smith
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Dear Dr. *Jack* Smith:

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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the Calvert County

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Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Calvert 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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**Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

**Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008* results of 99.3%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p> <p>*FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.1%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 94.4%. The State's target is 90.5%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.3%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 90.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.3%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 90.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 94.9%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 93.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.97%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 1.12%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Calvert 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.69%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 2.86%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Calvert 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 4-5-day timeline. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 96.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</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 Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Calvert County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
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Caroline County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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Dear Mr. ^{Here}Guthrie:

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Sincerely,



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Part C Local Determination Table**

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1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(A) and 1442) [Compliance Indicator]	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009	The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.
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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.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 97.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Carroll County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
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May 2, 2011

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Dear Dr. Devine:

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**Charles County Infants and Toddlers Program
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Dear Mr. Wagner:

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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Dorchester County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

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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 Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.5%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008* results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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 Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 91.7%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 85.7%. The State's target is 90.5%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.6%. This is represents a slight decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 92.9%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 87.7%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 91.2%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</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 2010 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 Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.67%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 1.10%. The State's target is 1.50%.</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 2010 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 Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.18%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 2.94%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</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 618 Data, Program Reports, and Fiscal Reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>Frederick County Infants and Toddlers' data met the State's target for accurate submission of required 618 data, Program Reports, and Fiscal Reports for FFY 2008.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Frederick County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

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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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Needs Assistance**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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 Garrett 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 MSDE FFY 2008 determination for Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program was Meets Requirements. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C. F. R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

Pursuant to these requirements, and to assist all local school systems to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local Infants and Toddlers Program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calender.rrfcnnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance.

Those local Infants and Toddlers Programs that were below the State's target on any indicator are required to access sources of technical assistance and inform MSDE of the type, amount, and frequency of assistance needed to address specific needs. The specific indicators most critical to improving the results for Garrett County are: Child Find Birth to One, Child Find Birth to Three, Transition Outcomes, Notification to LEA, and Timely Transition Planning Meetings.

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

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If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the 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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Division of Special Education/
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**Garrett County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

**Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

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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 Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 83.3%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 80.2%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</p>
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<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 Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.7%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 result of 99.4%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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 Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 result of 95.9%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
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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.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program had 8 (of 8) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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>Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data, Fiscal Reports, and Program Reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>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 2009.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Harford County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

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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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the Howard County

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Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the 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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Assistant State Superintendent
Division of Special Education/
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**Howard County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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May 2, 2011

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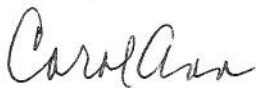
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**Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

**Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010
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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 Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 60.0%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 66.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Kent 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 Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.43%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 0.88%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</p>

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
<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 Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.55%. This is a slight decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 1.57%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator. MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure 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 Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008 of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
<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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program had no incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that needed correction within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
<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>Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the 618 Data, Program Reports, and the Final Fiscal Report in a timely and accurate manner. However, the submission of the Semi-Annual Fiscal Report was considered untimely.</p>	<p>Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 data, Program Reports, and Fiscal Reports for FFY 2008 due to an untimely submission of the Semi-Annual Fiscal Report.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Kent County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

Ms. Uma Ahluwalia
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Dear Ms. Ahluwalia:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

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Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Montgomery 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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**Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.2%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008* data of 96.2%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 93.1%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 94.1%. The State's target is 90.5%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 87.7%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 83.2%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 84.9%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 80.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.9%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 91.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.71%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 1.78%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</p>

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
<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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 3.63%. This is a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 4.59%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.7%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 results of 99.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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>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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported for FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
<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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 result of 99.9%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 98.3%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program had 7 (of 7) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>

Monitoring Priorities and Indicators	Status	MSDE Analysis/Next Steps
<p>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]</p>	<p>Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the 618 Data, Fiscal Reports, and Programmatic Reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 Data, Fiscal Reports, and Programmatic Reports for FFY 2009.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Needs Assistance**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

The MSDE recognizes and appreciates the significant improvements made by Prince George's County over the past year. Your incredible progress is evident in that the FFY 2009 data for almost all indicators were sufficient to Meet Requirements. However, to Meet Requirements, Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program must also provide their data, programmatic, and fiscal reports in a timely and accurate manner, consistent with indicator 14.

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 MSDE FFY 2008 determination for Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program was Prince George's. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C. F. R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

Pursuant to these requirements, and to assist all local school systems to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local Infants and Toddlers Program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calender.rfcnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance.

Those local Infants and Toddlers Programs that were below the State's target on any indicator are required to access sources of technical assistance and inform MSDE of the type, amount, and frequency of assistance needed to address specific needs. The specific indicators most critical to improving the results for Prince George's County are: Timely and Accurate Submission of Data, Child Find 0-1, and Child Find 0-3.

The State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local school system on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program

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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.

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the 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.

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Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.8%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008* data of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 94.5%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 87.4%. The State's target is 90.5%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 86.4%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 results of 86.1%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 84.0%. This represents a slight decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 84.4%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 91.5%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 94.1%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.00%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 results of 0.99%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>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.</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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.15%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 2.02%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>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.</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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.3%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 results of 98.1%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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>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 Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents the same results as FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 result of 99.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 97.6%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 (of 5) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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>Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the Child Find 0-3 Data and the Semi-Annual Report in a timely and accurate manner. However, the Child Find 0-1 Data, Semi-Annual Fiscal Report, Final Fiscal Report, and Final Programmatic Report were considered untimely.</p>	<p>Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers' data did not meet the State's target for timely and accurate submission of required 618 data, Fiscal Reports, and Programmatic Reports for FFY 2009.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

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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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the Queen

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Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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 Queen Anne'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.

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the 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) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.4%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008* results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p> <p>*FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008 of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 90.5%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.9%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 86.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 85.7%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 80.0%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.2%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 86.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.45%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 2.26%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Queen Anne's 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 4.36%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 4.17%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating continued success.</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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>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 2010 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 Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>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 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</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 (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442).</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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. (20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program had no incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that required correction within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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>Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the 618 Data, Fiscal Reports, and Programmatic Reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for the timely and accurate submission of required 618 Data, Fiscal Reports, and Programmatic Reports for FFY 2008.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Queen Anne's County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Needs Assistance**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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 Somerset 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 MSDE FFY 2008 determination for Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program was Needs Intervention. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. §1416(e) and 34 C. F. R. §§300.600 and 300.604, if a local Infants and Toddlers Program is determined to be in need of assistance for two consecutive years, MSDE must take one or more of the following actions: 1) Advise the local Infants and Toddlers Program of available sources of technical assistance that may help the local Infants and Toddlers Program address the areas in which the program needs assistance; 2) Direct the use of federal funds to the area or area(s) the local Infants and Toddlers Program needs assistance; or 3) Identify the local Infants and Toddlers Program as a high-risk grantee and impose special conditions on the local Infants and Toddlers Program's IDEA Part C grant award.

Pursuant to these requirements, and to assist all local school systems to meet or maintain the determination status of Meets Requirements, the MSDE provides and recommends technical assistance. Each local Infants and Toddlers Program has a responsibility to access the Technical Assistance and Determination Network at <http://spp-apr-calender.rrfcnetwork.org> and other sources of technical assistance to improve performance and/or correct noncompliance. You will be directed to a list of indicators. Select a specific indicator for a list of centers, documents, web seminars, and other sources of relevant technical assistance.

Those local Infants and Toddlers Programs that were below the State's target on any indicator are required to access sources of technical assistance and inform MSDE of the type, amount, and frequency of assistance needed to address specific needs. The specific indicators most critical to improving the results for Somerset County are: Family Outcomes (Know Rights, Communicate Needs, and Help Child Develop and Learn), Child Find Birth to One, Child Find Birth to Three, Timely Services, and Timely Transition Planning Meetings.

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

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As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Somerset 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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**Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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<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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 81.8%. The State's target for this indicator is 90.5%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 50%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 0%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Somerset 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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 50%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 0%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program to fully implement improvement activities to ensure results that meet the State's target.</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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 0.73%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 results of 0.71%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Somerset 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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.70%. This is an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 1.32%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Somerset 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>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 Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008 of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
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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.</p> <p>(20 U.S.C. 1416(a)(3)(B) and 1442)</p> <p>[Compliance Indicator]</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program had 5 (of 5) incidences of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that were corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Somerset County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>

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Dear Dr. Icenhower:

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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the St. Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the St. Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the St.

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Mary's County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

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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>Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted the 618 Data, Final Fiscal, Semi-Annual Report, Final Program Report were submitted in a timely and accurate manner. However, submission of the Semi-Annual Report was considered untimely.</p>	<p>Talbot County Infants and Toddlers' data did not meet the State's target for timely submission of 618 data, fiscal reports and program reports.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Talbot County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

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Dear Mr. Schaub:

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) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and

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Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the 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.

Sincerely,



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**Washington County Infants and Toddlers Program
Part C Local Determination Table**

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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**Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program
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<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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 99.1%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 90.5%.</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 77.1%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 95.5%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</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 2010 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 89.6%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 97.7%. The State's target for this indicator is 84.0%.</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 2010 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 1.33%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 1.05%. The State's target is 1.50%.</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Wicomico 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 2.76%. This represents a slight increase from the FFY 2008 results of 2.72%. The State's target for this indicator is 2.88%.</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data did not meet the State's target for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Wicomico 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 98.2%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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>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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</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 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 95.7%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 100%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</p>	<p>The Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data represent substantial compliance for this indicator.</p> <p>MSDE looks forward to the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating 100% 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</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 2010 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 Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program had 1 (of 1) incidence of noncompliance in FFY 2008 that was corrected within 1 year of notification. The State's target for this indicator is 100%.</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 2010 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>Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program submitted 618 data and program reports in a timely and accurate manner.</p>	<p>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 2009.</p> <p>MSDE expects the Wicomico County Infants and Toddlers Program's submission of required FFY 2010 data to be timely and accurate.</p>



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May 2, 2011

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Dear Dr. Andes:

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004 (IDEA) focuses on each state's accountability on the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators defined by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). OSEP reviews each state's SPP and Annual Performance Report (APR) annually. Using the information obtained through review of the APR and other data sources, OSEP evaluates each state's performance on these indicators, and assigns each state to one of four levels of determination: Meets Requirements, Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention. The determinations required under the federal statute are part of the on-going efforts to improve results for children and youth with disabilities. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) anticipates receiving its current federal determination for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 (2009-2010) Part C in early June 2011. In accordance with 34 CFR §300.606, if OSEP identifies MSDE as Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Intervention, MSDE is required to notify local school systems, public agencies, the media, and the public of the action.

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

The MSDE, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, uses a results-based rubric on specific indicators to rate each public agency's performance in meeting the State's targets for FFY 2009. Attached is a document entitled "Part C and Part B Public Agency Determination" that lists the Part C indicators included in making determinations. MSDE carefully considered all aspects of this process. Based on FFY2009 data, as well as information obtained through monitoring and complaint investigations (if any), the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program has been determined to be **Meets Requirements**.

To be in the category of Meets Requirements, the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program must have met or exceeded the State's target on at least 2 performance indicators (2, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5, and 6) and Natural Environment data (Indicator 2) is not significantly below the State's target. In addition, the

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Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program must have demonstrated at least substantial compliance (at least 95.0%) for at least four of the six compliance indicators (1, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 9, and 14), and demonstrated full compliance (100%) in at least 1 compliance indicator. Finally, all previously identified noncompliance, including fiscal noncompliance, must have been corrected within one year of notification (Indicator 9).

Attached to this letter are copies of the following documents:

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

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

As you know, the State must report annually to the public on the performance of each local Infants and Toddlers Program on the targets in the SPP under IDEA. The public may access the MSDE IDEA performance report at <http://mdideareport.org>. The requirement for public reporting on local Infants and Toddlers Program performance is a critical provision in ensuring accountability focusing on improved results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. MSDE will continue to provide technical assistance opportunities as you work to improve performance under Part C of the IDEA.

Congratulations on your hard work and commitment to excellence. If you have any feedback on our past technical assistance efforts or the need for guidance, we would be happy to hear from you as we work to develop further mechanisms to support local improvement activities. The MSDE is committed to supporting the efforts of the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. If you have any questions, would like to discuss this further, or want to request technical assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-767-0238.

Sincerely,



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Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program

Part C Local Determination Table

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 / State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2010

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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 96.7%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008* reported results of 97.5%. The State's target for this indicator is 100%. *FFY 2008: July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009	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 2010 data demonstrating 100% compliance and expects the 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 Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 100%. This is the same result reported in FFY 2008. The State's target for this indicator is 90.5%.	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 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)	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data for this indicator are 92.9%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 76.9%. The State's target for this indicator is 76.0%.	The Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program data met the State's target for this indicator. MSDE looks forward to the Worcester County Infants and Toddlers Program FFY 2010 data demonstrating continued success.

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[Results Indicator]		
<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 (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 92.9%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 69.2%. The State's target for this indicator is 74.0%.</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 2010 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. (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 2.01%. This represents a decrease from the FFY 2008 results of 2.38%. 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 2010 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 2.01%. This represents an increase from the FFY 2008 results of 1.94%. 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 2008. 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 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</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 (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 in FFY 2008. 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 2010 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. (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 in FFY 2008. 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 2010 data demonstrating continued compliance.</p>
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