



Office of the



State Superintendent of Education

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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF SPECIALIZED EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Tuesday, July 10, 2012**

810 First Street, NE

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Washington, DC 20002

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, July 17, 2012**

810 First Street, NE

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Specialized Education, will hold public hearings to discuss a proposed rulemaking entitled “EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES.”

As the state education agency (SEA), OSSE is required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part C (IDEA Part C) to develop rulemaking that outlines State obligations related to the delivery of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with qualifying disabilities from birth to three years of age.

The proposed rulemaking marks the first time the District of Columbia has put forth a comprehensive set of local rulemaking designed to govern early intervention services to infants and toddlers.

The proposed rulemaking will be posted for a 60 day public comment period commencing Friday, June 8, 2012. This posting will be made available on the DC Register and can be found online by visiting <http://www.dcregs.dc.gov>. Two public hearings will be held Tuesday, July 10, 2012 and Tuesday, July 17, 2012. The comment period begins Friday, June 8, 2012 and concludes Tuesday, August 7, 2012. All comments received by 5 pm Tuesday, August 7, 2012 will be considered.



The following summary provides an overview of the proposed rule. Please note that this overview is provided for informational purposes only. Persons are encouraged to read the proposed rule for full detail.

#### EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES

- Creates Chapter 31 in Title 5, subtitle A of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) to establish standards for the District of Columbia Early Intervention Program for infants and toddlers with disabilities;
- Establishes new criteria for determining eligibility for early intervention services;
- Sets a timeframe for implementation of the state option to extend early intervention services to children from 3 until the beginning of the first school year for which the child is eligible to attend a pre-k program;
- Allows parents to opt out of the disclosure of information about their child to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education as the state education agency (SEA) and the local educational agency (LEA) (i.e., the District of Columbia Public Schools); and
- Memorializes current practice adopting the IDEA Part B due process hearing practice and procedures and a 45 day timeline for resolution of due process complaints.

Persons wishing to review the proposed rulemaking may also access them on the OSSE webpage at [osse.dc.gov](http://osse.dc.gov) under Specialized Education – Policies and Regulations. This proposed rule, as well as all of OSSE’s special education policies and regulations, can also be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Individuals wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Desirée Brown, Special Assistant, Community and Parent Relations, at 202-741-0271 or by e-mail at [desiree.brown@dc.gov](mailto:desiree.brown@dc.gov), no later than 5 pm on Friday, July 6, 2012 to be added to the witness list for the public hearing scheduled for July 10, 2012 or no later than 5 pm Friday, July 13, 2012 for the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2012. An individual presenting will be limited to five (5) minutes in an effort to allow all individuals an opportunity to be heard. Individuals representing an organization will be limited to a total presentation time of seven (7) minutes.

Individuals and organizations wishing to submit comments as part of the official record should send copies of the comments and any written testimony and statements no later than 5 pm on



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Tuesday, August 7, 2012 for the proposed rule on “EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES” to:

Jamai Deuberry, Legal Administrative Specialist/Re: “Early Intervention Services”  
Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Office of the General Counsel  
810 First Street, NE – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20002

or

e-mail to [ossecomments.proposedregulations@dc.gov](mailto:ossecomments.proposedregulations@dc.gov)

Individuals who do not register with OSSE prior to the hearing may testify based upon a first-come first-serve basis as time permits within the timeframes announced for each hearing. On-site assistance with registration will be available prior to each hearing.

Individuals may request an accommodation for a physical disability or language access in order to participate in the public hearing by contacting Desirée Brown no later than 2 pm Tuesday, July 3, 2012 for the July 10, 2012 public hearing or no later than 2 pm on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 for the July 17, 2012 public hearing.