

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS E.O.C.
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION WITH THE LOCAL AGENCY
RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING IDEA**

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GOAL STATEMENT- MCAEOC will strive for excellence by enhancing educational services to support school readiness of children that will maximize their potential to enter kindergarten with a solid foundation for reading success.

POLICY: Coordinate with the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA to identify children enrolled or who intend to enroll in a program that may be eligible for services under IDEA.

PURPOSE: To improve service delivery to children eligible for services under IDEA, including the referral and evaluation process, service coordination, promotion of service delivery and transition services as children move from services provided under Part C of IDEA to services provided under Part B of IDEA, and from preschool to kindergarten.

PROCEDURES:

1. A program must coordinate with the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA to identify children enrolled or who intend to enroll in the program that may be eligible for services under IDEA (Part B/Part C).
2. An interagency agreement with the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA to improve service delivery including the referral and evaluation process, service coordination, promotion of service provision in the least restrictive environment, and transition services as children move from services provided under Part C of IDEA to services provided under Part B of IDEA and from preschool to kindergarten.
3. A Memorandum of Understanding with Part C service providers has been written to improve the timely completion of due process for the birth-3 population.