

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

DISABILITY REMOTE/VIRTUAL LEARNING
§ 45 CFR 1302.102

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:

Due to Covid-19, MCAEOC must ensure the individual needs of children eligible for services under IDEA are being met.

PURPOSE: The program must ensure all individuals, including children with disabilities, receive the full range of educational services that the Head Start program provided pre-pandemic.

PROCEDURES:

1. ECSE staff will conduct screenings in person and will clean tables and equipment in between students. Staff will be using PPE. Teachers will then refer children who fail screenings to the MCAEOC Disability Department.
2. Upon receiving the referral, the disability Department will send the referral to the appropriate agency (Part B/Part-C).
3. Upon receipt of referral, an EC special education faculty member will schedule a referral conference with the teacher and parent. Conferences may be held via alternate means of communication, such as 3-way call, Zoom, or FaceTime. If parental consent is needed, teachers will collaborate with EC staff to get forms signed and returned. If parents choose to deny services, a non-participation form will need to be signed and returned.
4. IEP services will be provided in person. In the event of closure, services will be delivered virtually to those parents who have stated that they would like to participate and have given written consent to do so. All students enrolled in EC Special Education services will be given a packet of hands-on activities that can be completed at home to assist in further development of the child's skills. EC staff will communicate with parents weekly during closure.

(The above policy and procedures were written by the Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative in August, 2022.)