

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

**INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLAN (IEP)
§ 45 CFR 1302.60**

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:

The program assists with the development, implementation, and precision of related services addressing disability and or delay in accordance with the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for children with disabilities.

PURPOSE: The IEP in a written document containing goals and objectives for a 3–5-year-old child. This document is developed by the Local Education Agency (LEA) responsible for providing free appropriate public education to a child who is found eligible to receive specialized education services.

PROCEDURES:

1. The IEP process represents a collaboration of support services to assist the child in achieving academic success and developmental outcomes.
2. Evaluations are completed by state certified or licensed personnel.
3. LEA multi-disciplinary team makes the determination whether a child meets the eligibility criteria.
4. The multi-disciplinary team reviews the evaluation results, developmental assessment, observations, and parent information before making an eligibility determination.
5. A representative from the Head Start program attends the education placement conference (IEP meeting) along with members of the multi-disciplinary team to develop the IEP.
6. The Head Start program along with the LEA providers initiates the implementation of the IEP as soon as possible after the IEP meeting by modifying the child's program in accordance with the IEP and arranging for the provision of related services.
7. The Head Start program retains a copy of the IEP for any child enrolled in the program for the time the child is in the program, consistent with the IDEA requirements in the 34 CFR parts 300 and 303.