

July 2, 2002

Honorable D. Kent King  
Commissioner  
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
P.O. Box 480  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0480

Dear Commissioner King:

We have determined that Missouri's application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 funds, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (Part C), can be conditionally approved. Therefore, I am enclosing your State's Part C grant award.

The approval is based on:

1. Our review of the amendments to your State's existing application under Part C, specifically the changes to the interagency agreements;
2. Receipt of the required assurances for FY 2002, including the assurance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that the Statewide system of early intervention services required by Part C and its implementing regulations is in effect; and
3. The State's letter to OSEP of July 1, 2002, in which it assures that it will, as soon as possible, but no later than November 1, 2002, submit to OSEP: (1) the final, signed, revised interagency agreement between the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH), including any changes that the State makes in that agreement as a result of the input it receives through the public participation process required by 34 CFR §§303.110, 303.111, 303.112, and 303.113; (2) the final, signed interagency agreement between DESE and the Department of Social Services (DSS), including any changes that the State makes in that agreement as a result of the input it receives through the public participation process; and (3) documentation that DESE has met all of the public participation requirements of Part C with regard to each of those interagency agreements.

The enclosed grant award for FY 2002 is made with the continued understanding that this Office may, from time to time, require clarification of information within your application and appendices, if necessary. These inquiries are needed to allow us to appropriately carry out our administrative responsibilities related to Part C.

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We appreciate your ongoing commitment to the provision of quality early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie S. Lee  
Director  
Office of Special Education Programs

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Melodie Friedebach