

SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(B) IN ESTABLISHING THE LOCAL PLANNING ENTITY, A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ELECT TO:

(1) APPOINT A QUASI-PUBLIC ENTITY NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

(2) DESIGNATE A PUBLIC ENTITY TO BE CONSIDERED AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR

(3) ESTABLISH A REGIONAL ENTITY TO REPRESENT MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS.

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(A) THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL BE THE LEAD AGENCY FOR SUPERVISING AND MONITORING A STATEWIDE, COMMUNITY-BASED INTERAGENCY SYSTEM OF COMPREHENSIVE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE INFANTS AND TODDLERS, BIRTH THROUGH AGE 2, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(B) THE INTERAGENCY SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE THE EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED OR SUPERVISED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND JUVENILE SERVICES.

(C) THE INTERAGENCY SYSTEM OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES SHALL BE ADMINISTERED IN ACCORD WITH THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LAW 99-457 AND OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS.

(D) AN INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND SHALL:

(1) ADVISE AND ASSIST THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN THE SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF THE INTERAGENCY SYSTEM OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES; AND

(2) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(E) LOCAL LEAD AGENCIES SHALL BE ESTABLISHED OR DESIGNATED IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY TO ADMINISTER THE INTERAGENCY SYSTEM OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES IN THEIR SUBDIVISION, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

(F) THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.