

(II) SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

(III) EVALUATE WHETHER GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE MEETING ANNUAL BENCHMARKS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) FOR JUDY CENTER GRANTS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD MULTIYEAR FUNDING.

(H) A COUNTY BOARD THAT IS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A JUDY CENTER GRANT OR AN EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES SHALL:

(1) ADMINISTER THE GRANT AWARD;

(2) SUBMIT FISCAL AND PROGRAM REPORTS AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(3) COORDINATE THE INVOLVEMENT OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS IN ANY EVALUATION PROCESS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(I) GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE USED:

(1) TO SUPPLANT EXISTING FUNDING FOR ANY SERVICES PROVIDED BY PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS; OR

(2) FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

(J) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND SUPERVISE AN EVALUATOR WHO SHALL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT AN EVALUATION PROCESS TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF:

(1) THE JUDY CENTERS; AND

(2) EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS.

(K) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

(1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM'S EXPENDITURES; AND

(2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, A SEPARATE REPORT THAT INCLUDES AN EVALUATION, BASED ON OBJECTIVE PERFORMANCE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF:

(I) THE JUDY CENTERS; AND

(II) EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION SERVICES AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES THAT ARE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT GRANTS.