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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Mary Ann Discenza, Part C Coordinator
REGARDING: Draft FY 2006 Part C Federal Application
DATE: January 23, 2006

Please find attached a draft of the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Part C Federal Application. This document is being made available for a 60-day public exposure period beginning on January 23, 2006 and concluding on March 25, 2006. The document is also being made available for a 30-day public comment period beginning February 23, 2006 and concluding March 25, 2006. The public availability period and the public comment period have been implemented in order to meet the requirements of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The federal application is due to OSEP no later than April 07, 2006 in order to ensure that federal funding is received on July 01, 2006.

This document is being made available for your review and input. The Part C office has been notified by OSEP that the FY 2006 Part C federal allocation will be reduced to \$10,127,614 from the FY 2005 allocation amount of \$10,280,066. This amounts to a reduction in federal funds of approximately 1.5%. According to accompanying information from OSEP, the Part C allocation amounts are based on census data that may change prior to the awarding of federal funds in July. Therefore, the federal application is being presented as a draft with possible changes occurring to the budget portion.

Additionally, the date of 06-30-07 has also been designated on the federal application for the submission of all added or revised policies and procedures and assurances. This is a result of the delay in completion of the Part C final regulations by OSEP as necessary due to the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as of December 02, 2004. A Status of Issues Document is included with the application as an attachment.

I sincerely thank you for your assistance and support as we work together to meet the needs of the infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families throughout the Commonwealth. During the public comment period of February 23-March 25, 2006, please submit all written public comments to:

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