

First Steps Cluster J

Memorandums of Understanding

Head Start Agencies

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024

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TRANSITION FROM EARLY INTERVENTION (Part C)
between
FIRST STEPS SOUTH EAST
and

serving the public school district(s) of

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Part B (Preschool Special Education Services) Representative Signature

Date

Please Print Name

Part B Representative Title

Part B Representative School System

Part C (Early Intervention Service-First Steps)
Anne Dolan
First Steps South East LPCC Coordinator

Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

TRANSITION FROM EARLY INTERVENTION (Part C) TO PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION (Part B) and/or HEAD START Local Transition Working Procedures, Timelines and Responsibilities

Process	Time Line	Person(s) Responsible	Procedures
Intake Notification	Upon Enrollment	First Steps Service Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to discuss transition procedures and timelines with family.
IFSP Reviews	Quarterly	First Steps Service Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion on transition procedures and timelines with family.
30 Month Notification	Monthly	SPOE Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transmit electronically, upon receipt, state generated 30-month child find information (child's name and date of birth, with referral and IFSP dates) to the Special Education Contact Person of the public school of record.
UPON RECEIPT	30 months (or upon enrollment if after 29 months)	First Steps Service Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss parent rights and confidentiality. Continue to discuss transition options, procedures, and timelines with families and provide families with detailed information about available resources and training opportunities to help with transition. Obtain signed <i>General Reciprocal Consent to Release and Share Information</i> for LEA, Head Start, and/or other appropriate transition partner. Complete with required information (with consent) <i>First Steps 30 Month Notice to LEA</i> and send copy with copy of release to Preschool Coordinator. Forward copies of the IFSP, current assessment and progress reports, and other information (with release) helpful to evaluation to the Preschool Coordinator.
Transition Conference	270-90 days prior to third birthday (To accommodate school staffing schedules in the summer, children with birthdays through October may need to have transition meeting scheduled closer to the 270 days in order to allow school staff to be present at meeting)	First Steps Service Coordinator ----- LEA Coordinator ----- Head Start Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule a transition meeting with the family and Preschool Coordinator at a mutually convenient time and location. Invite a representative from Head Start or representatives from other community options whenever other services could be a viable option (with consent). Include invitation at parent's discretion to service providers and others. Forward (with consent) any new information regarding the IFSP, current assessment and progress reports, including the transition plan, and other information helpful to evaluation to the Preschool Coordinator and/or to Head Start Representative, when appropriate. Send written prior notice for meeting to formally announce meeting to all participants. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss parent rights, eligibility requirements, evaluation processes, and available services if the student is determined eligible. Upon parent consent, the multidisciplinary team reviews existing data and parent input to identify evaluation needs. Obtain signatures for release of information (if needed) and arrange on-site visit to program if transition meeting is not to be held at the classroom site. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the Head Start program and eligibility for Head Start services.

Evaluation	33-36 months (Due to school calendar, this may need to be scheduled earlier)	First Steps Service Coordinator ----- LEA Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forward to appropriate transition partner, including Head Start, any updated evaluations or information regarding actions taken related to this child. <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schedule and complete educational assessment with family, when appropriate. ○ At the request of the parent, an invitation to the initial IEP meeting must be sent to the First Steps service coordinator, or other Part C service representative, if the child previously received First Steps services Invite others at parent's discretion. ○ Inform Service Coordinator of status of child.
Case Conference	Prior to child's 3 rd birthday	LEA Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schedule a case conference with family to discuss educational evaluation, eligibility, educational needs, to develop goals/objectives, and to determine appropriate program based on rules in Indiana Article 7. ○ Invite Service Coordinator and/or Head Start Representative with parent's discretion. ○ Invite First Steps providers at parent's discretion. ○ Inform Service Coordinator of status of child.

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IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING/TRACKING, AND EVALUATION OF AGREEMENT

The agreement will undergo ongoing monitoring by the Transition Partners and the LPCC. Formal evaluation of the agreement will take place bi-annually by May of each year, using the criteria set forth by the DOE/FSSA Indiana Transition Team.

Partners will be provided with copies of the agreement, ensure distribution to appropriate staff members, and provide initial staff training.

Ongoing monitoring between the partners will determine when to offer additional trainings or meetings to address concerns. Special education will track and monitor the statistics required by the State DOE. First Steps performs quarterly reviews of records to determine if the 90 day transition conference was held on time and the LEA representative was present. The information from reviews of records, surveys, interviews, and DOE statistics is reviewed annually to see if the transition process needs to be modified.

First Steps staff is responsible for setting up local roundtable discussions with individual partners. These individual meetings are scheduled whenever concerns are identified and at a minimum on a biannual basis.

INTERAGENCY DISPUTE PROCESS

If any dispute arises with respect to the MOU, the parties agree to act immediately to resolve the dispute. If the parties to a dispute cannot resolve the dispute within ten (10) working days following notification in writing by either party of the existence of a dispute, then the following procedure shall apply: The parties agree to resolve such matters through submission of their dispute to both the Director of First Steps and the Director of Special Education. The Director of First Steps and the Director of Special Education shall confer and produce a decision in writing and furnish a copy thereof to the parties in dispute. Any dispute arising hereunder that cannot be resolved by the Director of First Steps and the Director of Special Education, or their designees, shall be promptly submitted to the Secretary of FSSA and the Superintendent of Public Instruction for resolution. If still unresolved, the dispute shall be submitted to the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA).

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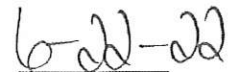
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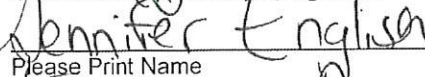
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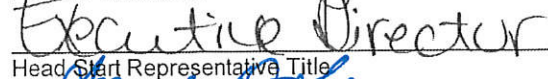
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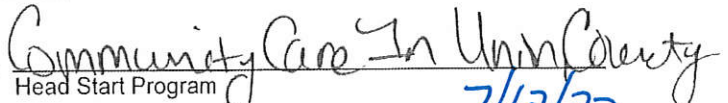
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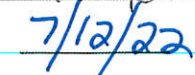
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Head Start Representative Title



Head Start Program



Date

Part C (Early Intervention Service-First Steps)
Anne Dolan
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HOOSIER UPLANDS HEAD START

servicing Lawrence County

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Debra S. Beeler
Head Start Representative Signature

06/23/22
Date

Debra S. Beeler
Please Print Name

Director of Children's Services
Head Start Representative Title

Anne Dolan 6/24/22

Hoosier Uplands
Head Start Program

06/23/22
Date

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serving Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, and Shelby Counties

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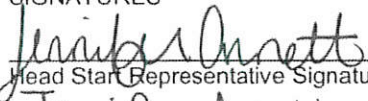
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Head Start Representative Signature

7/6/22
Date

Jennifer Arnett

Please Print Name

Early Intervention Specialist

Head Start Representative Title

Human Services, Inc. - Headstart/Early Head Start

Head Start Program



Head Start Representative Title

7/12/22
Date

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Head Start Representative Signature

May 26, 2022
Date

John Pennycuff
Please Print Name

Director of Children's Services
Head Start Representative Title

ICAP Head Start
Head Start Program



Part C (Early Intervention Service-First Steps)
Anne Dolan
First Steps South East LPCC Coordinator

6/1/22
Date

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servicing Jefferson, Jennings, and Switzerland Counties

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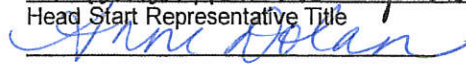


Head Start Representative Signature

7/13/2022
Date

Julie Hancock
Please Print Name

Mental Health & Special Needs Coord. Ohio Valley Opportunities
Head Start Representative Title Head Start Program



Head Start Representative Signature

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Stacey Edwards
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5/25/22
Date

Stacey Edwards
Please Print Name

SECAP Head Start Director
Head Start Representative Title

SECAP
Head Start Program

Anne Dolan

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- o First Steps requirements set forth under Title 470, Indiana Administrative Code 3.1-11-4 (Service Coordinator Responsibilities)
- o Head Start requirements set forth under Head Start Performance Standards on Community Partnerships and on Services for Children with Disabilities (45 CFR Parts 1304.41 and 1308)

SIGNATURES/DATES AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

The extended agreement will begin July 1, 2022, and will remain in effect until June 30, 2024.

SIGNATURES




Head Start Representative Signature

5-31-22
Date

MELODY MINGER

Please Print Name



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