

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301
Executive Order Number 91-7

an order reestablishing the Lead Agency
under the Individuals with Disabilities
Education Act Amendments of 1991 (IDEA) -
Early Intervention Program for Infants
and Toddlers (Part H)

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire is the first state in the country to provide for services to youngsters in their homes, schools and communities without using a state institution; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is one of only a few states through its Department of Health and Human Services to provide family support councils and family support services to meet the specialized needs of infants and toddlers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has historically provided a range of early intervention services in the geographically defined regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services is also responsible for services for adults with severe developmental disabilities and delays; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress amended P.L. 94-142 by incorporating under P.L. 102-119, with respect to changes in membership to the State Interagency Coordinating Council and in other major service dimensions; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 102-119, Section 1482(a)(3) further states that the chairperson of the State Interagency Coordinating Council shall not be a representative of the lead agency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDD GREGG, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution and Section 676(b)(9) of P.L. 102-119, do hereby rescind any and all prior executive orders dealing with said subject and reestablish the State Interagency Coordinating Council and designate the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services as lead agency for Early Intervention **Programs** for Infants and Toddlers (Part H).

The State Interagency Coordinating Council will advise and assist the state's lead agency for the early intervention program in the performance of its program responsibilities, with particular emphasis on identification of available fiscal resources, promotion of interagency agreements, and preparation of applications and amendments. Additionally, the State Interagency Coordinating Council will prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor and the United States Secretary of Education on the status of early intervention programs for handicapped infants and toddlers and their families operated within New Hampshire.

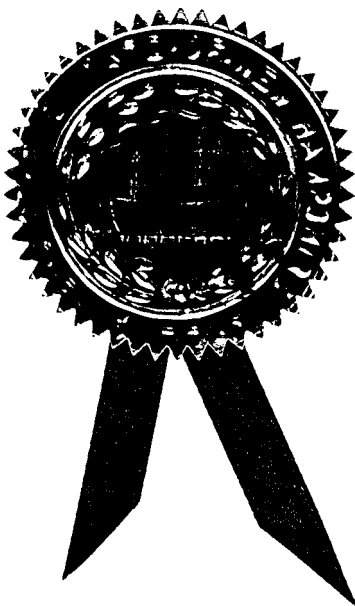
Members of the State Interagency Coordinating Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall represent the following interest groups:

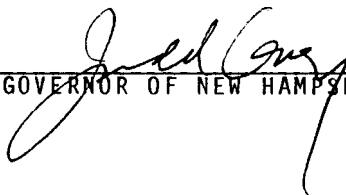
- (1) at least three (3) parents of handicapped infants or toddlers or handicapped children aged 3 through 12, inclusive,
- (2) at least three (3) public or private providers of early intervention services,
- (3) at least one representative from the state legislature,
- (4) at least one person involved in personnel preparation, and
- (5) at least one person from the State Insurance Department,
- (6) other members representing each of the appropriate agencies involved in the provision of, or payment for, early intervention services to handicapped infants and toddlers and their families and others as may be selected by the Governor.

The Governor will appoint an Executive Committee of the State Interagency Coordinating Council, whose members shall include the State Interagency Coordinating Council Chairman, the Vice Chairmen, and a Secretary. Executive Committee members will serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

The State Interagency Coordinating Council shall cease to exist upon a decision by the Governor and the State of New Hampshire to discontinue participation in the Part H - Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Handicaps.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 27th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one.




GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE