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.