



## From the Early Steps State Office

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Dear Friends,

Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires public input on proposed policies and the annual renewal application for Part C funds. This includes input from families!!! The information will be available for review beginning on January 25, 2012 through March 26, 2012. The opportunity for you to provide input is between February 1, 2012 through March 1, 2012. To view the information electronically, please go to <http://www.cms-kids.com> or contact your service coordinator to access this information.

Please note there are three ways to provide input. You may attend a public hearing at one of the below locations to provide input. The sites, dates, and locations are below:

SITE	LOCATION	DATE/TIME
Tampa, FL	Children's Board of Hillsborough County 1002 E. Palm Avenue Tampa, Florida 33605	Wednesday, February 15, 2012 5:30 p.m. --- 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time)
Tallahassee, FL	Children's Home Society 1000 W. Tharpe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32303	Thursday, February 16, 2012 5:30 p.m. --- 7:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

**Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearings, such as interpretation into languages other than English or sign language interpretation must contact Dawn Lynch at (850) 245-4200 or send an e-mail request to [CMS\\_EarlyStepsPublicComment@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:CMS_EarlyStepsPublicComment@doh.state.fl.us) no later than February 1, 2011.**

You may submit comments on the internet by going to [CMS\\_EarlyStepsPublicComment@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:CMS_EarlyStepsPublicComment@doh.state.fl.us). Lastly, you may mail your comments to the Early Steps State Office at:

Mailing Address:

Renee Jenkins  
Florida Department of Health  
Children's Medical Services  
Early Steps State Office  
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #A06  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1707

Express Mail/Hand Delivery Address:

Renee Jenkins  
Florida Department of Health  
Children's Medical Services  
Early Steps State Office  
4025 Esplanade Way, Room 235L  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

It is important to be as clear and direct as possible and that you reference the specific policy and/or section of the application you are providing input on. All comments must be received by March 1, 2012 and will be reviewed and considered. Comments will be posted for public review without personal information at <http://www.cms-kids.com>.

Input from families is critical to ensure Early Steps continues to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays, and their families. Thank you in advance for your input!

Sincerest Regards,

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