

## PARENT SURVEY PART C of IDEA (Birth to Three)

### Continuous Improvement Visit by the U. S. Department of Education

Do you have a child under age 3 who receives Birth to Three services and has an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)?

- Yes (CONTINUE THE SURVEY)
- No (**STOP HERE**)

If your child is **between the ages of 3 and 21** please complete the **Part B of IDEA Parent Survey**.

*The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (or **IDEA**) is a federal law that funds and governs special education and early intervention programs and services.. **Part C** is the section of IDEA that defines how infant and toddler early intervention services should be provided; this section of IDEA also defines your role as a parent in this process. In Connecticut, Part C of IDEA is called the **Connecticut Birth to Three System**.*

1. I know how to get information about the Birth to Three programs in Connecticut (child find and referral, timely services, natural environments, transition, Individual Family Service Plan development, etc.).

Yes                       No

- a. If yes, I can obtain that information from: (Select all that apply)

- Website: (Name of website) \_\_\_\_\_
- State Agency
- Local Birth to Three program staff
- The Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center
- Other Advocacy Groups
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*The next question asks you about “**your rights**” that are also called “**parent rights**” and “**procedural safeguards**” under Part C of IDEA.*

2. Within the last year, I received a copy of my rights from my Birth to Three program.

Yes                       No

- a. If yes, who gave you this information? (Please select all that apply)

- Service Coordinator
- Service Provider
- Connecticut Parent Advocacy [Center
- Department of Developmental Services
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. If yes, was an explanation of your rights provided if needed?

Yes                       No                       NA

3. Within the past year I have asked for: (Select all that apply)

- Mediation
- Written Complaint
- Due Process Hearing
- Other Dispute Resolution applicable to the State, including facilitated Individualized Family Service Plans
- I have not requested any of these.

a. If you ever filed a Written Complaint, were each of your concerns addressed in the decision letter/letter of finding?

- Yes       No

*The next question asks about “non-compliance,” which means that the early intervention program or provider is not providing the services or supports as described in the Individualized Family Service Plan or as required by any part of IDEA.*

4. I have experienced or observed early intervention practices that I believe were not in compliance with Part C of the IDEA.

- Yes       No

a. If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

5. My family is receiving the frequency and intensity of services as outlined in my child’s Individualized Family Service Plan?

- Yes       No

a. If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Based on my experiences with the Birth to Three services in Connecticut, I feel the areas that are **most effective** are: (Please select the top three)

- Child Find and Referral (the process for finding children who qualify for services)
- Evaluation/Assessment
- Individualized Family Service Plans
- Timely Early Intervention Services (new services start within 45 days of the IFSP meeting)
- Qualified Service Providers
- Services in settings that are natural for my child
- Other Community Based Services
- Transition from Part C to Part B (transition from Birth to Three to preschool or other community-based settings)
- Materials in my family's primary language
- Don't Know
- Other: (please explain briefly) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Based on my experiences with the early intervention services in my State, I feel the areas that **need most improvement** are: (Select the top three.)

- Child Find and Referral (the process for finding children who qualify for services)
- Evaluation/Assessment
- Individualized Family Service Plans
- Timely Early Intervention Services (new services start within 45 days of the IFSP meeting)
- Qualified Service Providers
- Services in settings that are natural for my child
- Other Community Based Services
- Transition from Part C to Part B (transition from Birth to Three to preschool or other community-based settings)
- Materials in my family's primary language
- No Improvement Needed
- Don't Know
- Other: (please explain briefly) \_\_\_\_\_

8. My child receives services in his/her natural environments (e.g., home, child care, or other community-based settings).

- Yes
- No
- Sometimes (Please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

*Your State is required to develop and submit an Annual Performance Report describing their plan to improve results for infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. The Office of Special Education Programs, within the U.S. Department of Education, reviews and evaluates the report.*

9. I know how to get the results of the U.S. Department of Education’s evaluation of my State’s performance under the IDEA (i.e., State’s Determination).

Yes                       No

10. I know how to get the results of the State’s evaluation of my Early Intervention Service program’s performance under the IDEA (i.e., how my Birth to Three program performed on the Annual Performance Report indicators).

Yes                       No

If no, please explain:

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11. I think that the Connecticut Birth to Three System is providing the services and family supports that my child and family need.

Yes                       No

If no, please explain:

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**Please return completed surveys to Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center by  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011.**

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**Email to:**

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**To fill out the survey online visit:**

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentSurveyC](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ParentSurveyC)