

A NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH I.D.E.A. Part B and Part C

Statement of Need: Compliance with Child Find Re: Lead Poisoned Children with Disabilities or Children with Other Health Impairments (OHI) Due to Lead Poisoning

MEMORANDUM TO THE U.S. DEPT OF EDUCATION – OSEP (February 11, 2014)

According to the provisions related to child find in section 612 (a)(3) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), States are required to have in effect policies and procedures to ensure that the State identifies, locates and evaluates all children with disabilities residing in the State, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and related services. It is critical that this identification occurs in a timely manner and that no procedures or practices result in delaying or denying this identification.

Childhood lead poisoning remains a critical environmental health concern in the nation. Childhood lead exposure has been linked to a number of adverse cognitive outcomes, including reduced performance on standardized intelligence quotient tests, decreased performance on cognitive functioning tests, adverse neuropsychological outcomes, neurobehavioral deficits, decreased end-of-grade test scores and classroom attention deficit behaviors.

From a national perspective, the Centers for Disease Control reports that today, at least 4 million households have children living in them who are exposed to high levels of lead. There are approximately half a million U.S. children ages 1-5 with blood lead levels above 5 micrograms per deciliter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$), the reference level at which CDC recommends public health actions be initiated. At this level, children are identified as lead poisoned.

We the undersigned are requesting that the U.S. Department of Education and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (O.S.E.R.S.) notify and provide leadership to States and LEAs of their obligation to identify, locate and evaluate children with disabilities who have documented medical histories of early childhood lead poisoning. OSERS is at the forefront to guide policy to improve results and outcomes for persons with disabilities; therefore, we are requesting that OSERS provide a compliance memorandum to the following:

- State Directors of Special Education
- Chief State School Officers
- Regional Resource Centers
- Parent Training Centers
- Protection and Advocacy Agencies
- Section 619 Coordinators

Please refer to the attached document of individuals requesting that these actions be taken by the U.S. Department of Education, OSERS and OSEP. Please let us know if you need any additional information. We appreciate your response by February 28, 2014.

Sincerely,



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"Signatures from the following 15 States and the District of Columbia for a National Call to Action to OSEP:

California	Kentucky	New Jersey	Pennsylvania
Colorado	Maryland	New York	Rhode Island
Connecticut	Massachusetts	North Carolina	Texas
Illinois	Nebraska	Ohio	Washington D.C.

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Name	Organization	State
Andrew Woods	Hartford Communities That Care	CT
Michael Shaw	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	MD
Michael McKnight	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	DC
Subh Khatry	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative	MD
Therese Adde	Hartford Health Dept.	CT
Ed Brown	City of High Point NC	NC
Everett DeWitt	City of High Point, NC	NC
Max S. Reynolds	Environ Plan LLC	CT
Michelle Pagan	Archived inc.	MD
Dr. Mary Kim	CT COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	CT
Josh Silverman	EMSL Analytical	NJ
Johny Bish	EMSL Analytical	NJ
John Callen	LockupLead	KY
Scott Hayden	LockupLead	KY

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Name	Organization	State
Greg Coast	AMHA	OH
David Jacobs	NCHH	DC
LESLIE WASSERMAN	LEAD Corp.	NJ
Brenda Reyes	HDHHS	Texas
Ryan Key	PeaRans	RI
Paul Burt	Paul Burt's	IL
James Brooks	City of Worcester	MASS
Tim Halsey	Holden MA	MA
Ronald Park	ARLIVE ENVIRON. INC.	MD
Linda Kite	Healthy Homes Collaborative	CA
Jane Malone	Natl Child Health	DC
Hy Hoke	TAMERK MEDICAL	CO
Elsa Chappell	Inquilinos Unidos	CA
Brandon Kitagawa	Regional Asthma Management & Prevention	CA

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Mary Robin	Operation	CA
Carole Wido	Opera. Pughel	NC
Tim Mason	Foundation for Educational Research	CT
Dr. Vivian Cross	Foundation for Educational Research	CT
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Shirley Wald	National Compliance Act	MD
Shirley Wald	Individual	CT
M. Esperanza Mantzabalencia	Individual	Orange, CT
Stephen Weil	LEHA	Rockville, MD
Rudney M. Lee	Bpt Health Dept	Bpt CT
Nicole Bernard	Omaha Health Kids	NE
Amberly Hays	National Center for Healthy Housing	MD
Angela L. Reddy	NEW HAVEN HOSEA DEPT	NEW HAVEN, CT
Paul Nardelli	NEW HAVEN, CT	NEW HAVEN, CT
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Name	Organization	State
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Farrach Valour	New Haven Health Dept	CT
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