

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EXTENSION
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

The Application for Dept. of Human Services/Division of Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention Public Comment has been extended to July 3, 2005. Please submit any comments in writing to DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Early Intervention Program at P. O. Box 1437, Slot N504, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437, Attention: Sharon Mitchel.

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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Pursuant to P.L. 108-446 of the IDEIA Act of 2004, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Services proposes revised and new provisions entitled “DDS Policy and Procedural Manual for Part C – Early Intervention. The U.S. Department of Education, OSEP Division, mandates the following revisions in our policy: Eligibility Criteria & Procedures 303.300; Content of IFSP 303.344; Procedural Safeguards 303.400 & 303.406; Surrogate Parents 303.406; Mediation 303.419; Mediation Process; DDS Hearing Policy for Early Intervention and a *new provision for* Resolution Process for Early Intervention Programs.

Copy of P.L.108-446 may be viewed on the Web site for U.S. Department of Education, Division of OSEP. Copies of the Part – C Application and proposed procedural and/or policy changes for Arkansas Early Intervention Program may be viewed on the Arkansas First Connections web site at (www.state.AR.us/dhs/ddds/FirstConn/index.html) or may be obtained by writing to the DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Early Intervention Program Part – C, P.O. Box 1437, Slot N504, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437, Attention: Sharon Mitchel. All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days following the date of the initial newspaper notice.

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Alternate formats (large print, audio tapes, etc.) will be provided upon request.

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Date