

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2011-

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EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL

REPEALING AND REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-12

WHEREAS, early childhood development is directly related to economic development because it improves the quality of the future workforce and creates tremendous cost savings for society; and

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WHEREAS, the advancement of early childhood development, has had a positive impact on Idaho families and children; and

WHEREAS, through these initiatives, children are healthier and better prepared to enter Idaho's school systems; and

WHEREAS, greater coordination will allow for an accurate inventory of existing services, programs and initiatives along with an increased understanding of the services available for families and children; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of early childhood initiatives, both public and private, is a priority of the State of Idaho; and

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WHEREAS, the consolidation of the Interagency Coordinating Council (Idaho Code Title 16, Chapter 1), and the Early Care and Learning Cross Systems Task Force (Executive Order No. 2004-01) and the Head Start State Advisory Council (2008) will establish greater coordination, communication, and efficiency of early childhood services and initiatives of the State of Idaho; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of families and children in Idaho to build a sustainable infrastructure for early childhood;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Idaho do hereby order as follows:

1. There is created within the Office of the Governor the "Early Childhood Coordinating Council" and administratively assigned to the Department of Health & Welfare

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2. The Early Childhood Coordinating Council shall be designated as the state early childhood council and responsible for developing a sustainable and coordinated statewide-plan. This plan will achieve mutually defined goals for early childhood with evidence-based outcomes and approval and support from stakeholders, as well as the Governor and will:

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a. Facilitate the activities of the Early Childhood Coordinating Council which will establish an ongoing communication network between state agencies, policymakers, families, stakeholders and communities for the purpose of planning and implementation of a coordinated system of early childhood in Idaho;

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b. Develop multiagency state partnerships among critical stakeholders;

c. Compile resources and identify information on the current best practices in early childhood systems building;

d. Provide a comprehensive statewide mapping of existing early childhood programs and resources, as well as existing gaps every three to five years;

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e. Align data from multiple systems to follow indicators of well-being for young children and their families.

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f. Support partnerships to align current initiatives in the support of a comprehensive system of early childhood professional development;

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g. Increase public awareness of quality early childhood programs as a critical part of the foundation to promote healthy families and communities; and

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h. Align policy and funding systems to develop and support integrated early childhood systems development.

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3. The Early Childhood Coordinating Council shall perform all duties and functions of Title 16, Chapter 1 with expanded and strengthened roles and responsibilities as follows:

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A. Expand the council's scope from birth to three to all children from birth through eight and their families;

B. Develop, implement, and sustain a statewide early childhood strategic plan that maintains the framework of health, social and emotional development, child development, parent education, family support and self sufficiency, and systems development;

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C. Recognize language changes to meet federal guidelines for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) such as service coordination, social and emotional development, adaptive skills and developmental delay;

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D. Expand membership to meet federal requirements for IDEA and integration of Council members to build geographical, cultural, political, professional and family diversity with assurance of representation of all children and families to include:

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- i. *Parents of young children to include at least 20% of Council membership who are parents of young children with developmental delays or disabilities;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - ii. *At least ~~two (2)~~ public or 20% private providers of early intervention services;* Formatted ... [1]
 - iii. *At least ~~one (1)~~ professional, who provides early care and learning services like preschool, elementary school, parent education, childcare, or after-school care;* Deleted: three...3...s ... [2]
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 - iv. *~~Bipartisan representation of the state legislature;~~* Deleted: At least one (1) member
 - v. *At least one (1) person involved in personnel preparation;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - vi. *The superintendent of public instruction, or designee;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - vii. *A physician or health care professional skilled in early intervention;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - viii. *A representative from early childhood professional organizations;* Formatted ... [3]
 - ix. *A representative of the State Medicaid agency;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - x. *A representative of the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - xi. *A representative of the State agency responsible for children's mental health;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - xii. *A representative of the State agency responsible for maternal and child health;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - xiii. *A representative of the state governance of insurance;* Formatted ... [4]
 - xiv. *A representative of the office of the Coordinator of Education of the Homeless;* Formatted ... [5]
 - xv. *A representative of the Idaho Migrant Council or Migrant Head Start Program;* Comment: Does this seem excessive in terms of Head Start representation?
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 - xvi. *A representative of either the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services or an American Indian Head Start program;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - xvii. *A representative of the State agency responsible for child care;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - xviii. *A Head Start Association or program representative;* Formatted ... [6]
 - xix. *A representative of the Head Start Collaboration office;* Formatted: Font: Italic
 - xx. *A representative of the Governor's office;* Deleted: A representative of the executive council of the lead agency;
 - xxi. *A representative of the Idaho Infant Toddler Program;* Inserted: A representative of the executive council of the lead agency;
 - xxii. *A representative of the Regional Early Childhood Coordinating Committees;* Formatted ... [7]
 - xxiii. *Other at the discretion of the Governor.* Formatted: Font: Italic
- E. *Council members:*
- i. *Shall be appointed by the Governor;* Deleted: seven ... and ... [8]
 - ii. *Shall be staffed through an agreement between the Governor's Office and by the Department of Health and Welfare; and* Inserted: and
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- F. *Strengthen Regional Early Childhood Committee membership, roles and responsibilities to expand the outreach of and respond to the Early Childhood Coordinating Council.* Inserted: A representative of private business
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4. *Establish the provision for the Early Childhood Coordinating Council to accept funds from private, federal, state or public agencies and any other sources. The* Formatted ... [9]
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moneys shall be used to support the statewide effort in the development and sustainability of this council and early childhood programs and services.

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5. *Assure nationally acceptable standards are used statewide for the coordination and provision of early childhood programs and services.*

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6. *Build and support partnerships that will maximize the use of funding streams and close the gaps in early childhood systems.*

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7. *Blend resources to sustain staffing and operating expenses.*