

Infant and Toddler Coordinator Association (ITCA)
8/8/02 Conference Call Minutes

President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education

The board discussed the ITCA response to the commission report. Discussion was held regarding the tone and inclusion of the following data sources:

IDEA Part C funding sources

ITCA National Survey

Edits by Part C coordinators

The board members will continue to review the response until 8/8/02. Sharon will email a the document to Maureen on 8/9/02.

IDEA Workgroup:

The board agreed to endorse the position that each states should have the choice to pick the appropriate lead agency within their state to provide Early Intervention services to infants and toddlers. Sharon will discuss this position with other Early Intervention groups in an effort to gain support.

IDEA Part C Funding Paper

The funding paper continues to be developed. The board discussed the need of the paper to address private insurance and sliding scale fees.

IDEA Part C and 619 National Meeting

The board discussed agenda items needed to be included for the ITCA Business Meeting including:

National survey results

Leadership Academy

IDEA Part C Reauthorization

ITCA Budget

Fiscal Paper (included within the packet)

ITCA dues notification letters will be sent out today. Once a state has paid their dues, a follow-up letter from Linda Goodman will be sent by Mark Sharp.

Feedback from the IDEA Part C data meeting was discussed. Emphasis was placed on accountability and auditing assistance.

The board discussed the draft Part C Mental Health position paper authored by Duncan Munn. Duncan discussed the current regulations and how states are currently addressing some mental health needs. Clarification to current IDEA Part C language was stressed. The board will review the draft document and make comments by 8/9/02.

Next Conference Call: 9/9/02 at 2:00 (Central Time)