

**Policy:**  
**State Interagency Coordinating Council**

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**Federal Authority:**

Title 34 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Vol. II, Chapter III, Parts 300-399:  
 §§ 303.600-605

Title 20 of the U.S. Code of Law, Chapter 33. §§ 1231; 1400-1499:  
 §§ 1231d; 1435(a)(10); 1441(a); 1441(b); 1441(c); 1441(d); 1441(e)(1)-(2); 1441(f)

South Carolina's early intervention system shall maintain a State Interagency Coordinating Council (SCICC) which:

- Is appointed by the Governor in accordance with IDEA/Part C;
- Consists of a membership representative of the population of the state, and is composed as follows:
  - At least twenty (20) percent of the members shall be parents, including minority parents, of infants or toddlers with disabilities or children with disabilities aged twelve (12) or younger with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities. At least one such member shall be the parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a child with a disability aged six (6) or younger;
  - At least twenty (20) percent of the members shall be public or private providers of Early Intervention Services (EIS);
  - At least one (1) member shall be from the state legislature;
  - At least one (1) member shall be involved in personnel preparation;
  - At least one (1) member shall be from each of the state agencies involved in the provision of, or payment for, EIS to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families and shall have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of such agencies;
  - At least one (1) member shall be from the state educational agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities and shall have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of such agency;
  - At least one (1) member shall be from the agency responsible for the state governance of health insurance;
  - At least one (1) member shall be from a Head Start agency or program in the state;
  - At least one (1) member must be from a state agency responsible for child care;
  - Others appointed as deemed appropriate and selected by the Governor.
- The Governor shall designate a member of the council to serve as chairperson or shall require the council to so designate such a member. No member who is a representative of the lead agency shall be able to serve as the council chairperson.
- The SCICC shall advise and assist the lead agency in the development and implementation of the policies that constitute the statewide system including, but not limited to:
  - Achieving the full participation, coordination, and cooperation of all appropriate public agencies in the state;
  - The effective implementation of the statewide system, by establishing a process that includes:
    - Seeking information from parents, Intake Coordinators, Service Coordinators, EIS providers, and others about any federal, state, or local policies that impede timely service delivery.
    - Taking steps to ensure that any policy problems identified under this section are resolved.

- o The resolution of disputes, as appropriate;
- o The provision of appropriate EIS for children from birth to three (3) years of age.
- o The integration of EIS for infants and toddlers with disabilities and at-risk infants and toddlers and their families, regardless of whether or not “at-risk” is a recognized eligibility for EIS;
- o The identification of the sources of fiscal and other support for EIS, assignment of financial responsibility to the appropriate agency, and the promotion of interagency agreements;
- o The preparation of applications and the amendments thereto
- o The transition of toddlers with disabilities to preschool and other appropriate services.
- The SCICC shall prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Secretary of Education on the status of early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families operated within the state in keeping with the date and format established by the Secretary of Education.
- The SCICC shall meet at least quarterly. Meetings shall be:
  - o Announced to the public, no later than ten (10) business days, prior to the scheduled meeting; and
  - o To the extent appropriate, open, and accessible to the general public.
  - o Minutes and attendance shall be maintained for each meeting.
- The Lead agency shall prepare a budget for support of the ICC in accordance with 34 CFR 303.603 and current year approved grant.
- Except as provided in this section, council members shall serve without compensation from Part C funds.
- No member of the SCICC shall cast a vote on any matter that would provide direct financial benefit to that member or otherwise give the appearance of a conflict of interest under South Carolina law.