

Policy:

Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments

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Title 34 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Vol. II, Chapter III, Parts 300-399
 §§ 303.12(b), 303.13(a)(7)-(8), 303.26, 303.31, 303.126, 303.344(d)(1)(ii)(A)–(B), 303.700(d)(1).

Title 20 of the U.S. Code of Law, Chapter 33, §§1400-1499
 §§ 1416(a), 1431–1444

IDEA/Part C services must be provided in settings that are natural or typical for a same-aged infant or toddler without a disability, to the maximum extent possible.

IDEA/Part C services may be provided in other settings when outcomes on the child’s Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) cannot be satisfactorily achieved in a natural environment.