

TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89-13 (CORR)

PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR HANDICAPPED
AND AT-RISK INFANTS AND TODDLERS

WHEREAS, the Government of Guam via Public Law 13-207 (which states that individuals ages 1-21 will receive appropriate educational and related services) has provided the legal mandate for the provision of services to handicapped individuals ages 1-21; and

WHEREAS, there is a history of provision of services through the Department of Education including the identification, assessment and delivery of appropriate educational services to handicapped individuals and individuals at-risk for handicapping conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education as the designated lead agency to provide services for handicapped infants and toddlers has applied for and received funding through U.S. P.L. 99-457 to further enhance services to infants and toddlers through the development of a comprehensive service delivery system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, by virtue of the authority granted me in the Organic Act of Guam, direct that the Guam Interagency Coordinating Council and the Department of Education, as designated lead agency, shall establish, as a priority, the development and implementation of a territorial system for early intervention services to handicapped and at-risk infants and toddlers including fourteen components. In accordance with the timetable established in U.S. P.L. 99-457, for the development of a comprehensive service delivery system, it is a goal of the Government of Guam and the agencies involved to fully implement this territorial system by October 1, 1990. The fourteen components of this system are:

1. a definition of the term "developmentally delayed" which will be used by Guam in carrying out programs under this part,
2. timetables for ensuring that appropriate early intervention services will be available to all handicapped infants and toddlers in Guam before the beginning of the fifth year of Guam's participation under this part,



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3. a timely, comprehensive, multidisciplinary evaluation of the functioning of each handicapped infant and toddler in Guam and the needs of the families to appropriately assist in the development of the handicapped infant or toddler,

4. for each handicapped infant and toddler in Guam, the development of individualized family service plan in accordance with section 677 of U.S. P.L. 99-457, including case management services in accordance with such service plan,

5. a comprehensive child find system, consistent with part B, including a system for making referrals to service providers which includes timelines and provides for the participation by primary referral sources,

6. a public awareness program focusing on early identification of handicapped infants and toddlers,

7. a central directory which includes early intervention services, resources, and experts available in Guam and research and demonstration projects being conducted in Guam,

8. a comprehensive system of personnel development,

9. a single line of responsibility in a lead agency designated or established by the Governor for carrying out--

(A) the general administration, supervision, and monitoring of programs and activities receiving assistance under section 673 to ensure compliance with this part,

(B) the identification and coordination of all available resources within Guam from federal, territorial and private sources,

(C) the assignment of financial responsibility to the appropriate agency,

(D) the development of procedures to ensure that services are provided to handicapped infants and toddlers and their families in a timely manner pending the resolution of any disputes among public agencies or service providers,



(E) the resolution of intra-agency and interagency disputes, and,

(F) the entry into formal interagency agreements which define the financial responsibility of each agency for paying for early intervention services (consistent with Guam law) and procedures for resolving disputes and that includes all additional components necessary to ensure meaningful cooperation and coordination,

10. a policy pertaining to the contracting or making of other arrangements with service providers to provide early intervention services in the Territory, consistent with the provisions of this part, including the contents of the application used and the conditions of the contract or other arrangements,

11. a procedure for securing timely reimbursement of funds used under this part in accordance with section 681 (a),

12. procedural safeguards with respect to programs under this part as required by section 680, and,

13. policies and procedures relating to the establishment and maintenance of standards to ensure that personnel necessary to carry out this part are appropriately and adequately prepared and trained, including-

(A) the establishment and maintenance of standards which are consistent with any Guam approved or recognized certification, licensing, registration or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which such personnel are providing early intervention services, and

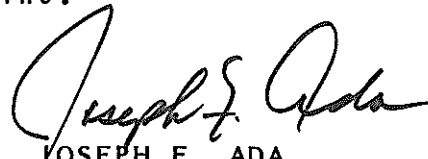
(B) to the extent such standards are not based on the highest requirements in Guam applicable to a specific profession or discipline, the steps Guam is taking to require the retraining or hiring of personnel that meet appropriate professional requirements in Guam, and

14. a system for compiling data on the numbers of handicapped infants and toddlers and their families in Guam in need of appropriate early intervention services (which may be based on a sampling of data), the numbers of such infants and toddlers and their families served, the types of services provided (which may be based on a sampling of data), and other information required by the Secretary.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory of Guam to be affixed in the City of Agana, on this 7th day of JUNE, in the Year of the Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty Nine.


JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam