

281—120.120 (34CFR303) Lead agency role in supervision, monitoring, funding, interagency coordination, and other responsibilities. Iowa’s system includes the designation of the Iowa department of education as lead agency, with a single line of responsibility for the following items:

120.120(1) General supervision. The department is responsible for the following:

a. The general administration and supervision of programs and activities administered by agencies, institutions, organizations, and EIS providers receiving assistance under Part C of the Act.

b. The monitoring of programs and activities used by the state to carry out Part C of the Act (whether or not the programs or activities are administered by agencies, institutions, organizations, and EIS providers that are receiving assistance under Part C of the Act) to ensure that the state complies with Part C of the Act, including:

(1) Monitoring agencies, institutions, organizations, and EIS providers used by the state to carry out Part C of the Act;

(2) Enforcing any obligations imposed on those agencies, institutions, organizations, and EIS providers under Part C of the Act and these rules;

(3) Providing technical assistance, if necessary, to those agencies, institutions, organizations, and EIS providers;

(4) Correcting any noncompliance identified through monitoring as soon as possible and in no case later than one year after the lead agency’s identification of the noncompliance; and

(5) Conducting the activities in subparagraphs 120.120(1) “a”(1) through (4), consistent with rules 281—120.700(34CFR303) through 281—120.707(34CFR303), and any other activities required by the state under those rules.

120.120(2) Identification and coordination of resources. The identification and coordination of all available resources for early intervention services within the state, including those from federal, state, local, and private sources, consistent with rules 281—120.500(34CFR303) through 281—120.521(34CFR303).

120.120(3) Assignment of financial responsibility. The assignment of financial responsibility in accordance with rules 281—120.500(34CFR303) through 281—120.521(34CFR303).

120.120(4) Procedures concerning timely provision of services. The development of procedures in accordance with rules 281—120.500(34CFR303) through 281—120.521(34CFR303) to ensure that early intervention services are provided to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families under Part C of the Act in a timely manner, pending the resolution of any disputes among public agencies or EIS providers.

120.120(5) Agency-level dispute resolution. The resolution of intra-agency and interagency disputes in accordance with rules 281—120.500(34CFR303) through 281—120.521(34CFR303).

120.120(6) Methods of establishing financial responsibility. The entry into formal interagency agreements or other written methods of establishing financial responsibility, consistent with rule 281—120.511(34CFR303), that define the financial responsibility of each agency for paying for early intervention services (consistent with state law) and procedures for resolving disputes and that include all additional components necessary to ensure meaningful cooperation and coordination as set forth in rules 281—120.500(34CFR303) through 281—120.521(34CFR303).