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To: Special Education Directors/Early Childhood Coordinators
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Re: IDEA 2011 Annual Performance Report for Indicator 7 Early Childhood Outcomes

Indicator 7 measures *“the percent of preschool children aged 3 through 5 with IEPs who demonstrate improved: A) positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships); B) acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy); and C) use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.”* (20 U.S.C. 1416 (a)(3)(A))

This notice is to commend the work that our Kansas Early Childhood Programs are doing to ensure that young children with disabilities are making progress to these meet these outcomes. Not only did the state meet its target on Indicator 7 for FFY2011, but 226 districts out of 263 met all six Indicator 7 measures. This is impressive data that should be celebrated and shared with your local stakeholders and communities!

Individual district data, including targets that your district met for Indicator 7 can be found on the KS_APR website by going to www.ksdetasn.org and clicking on the Current Kansas APR Reports link on the left hand side of the page. Also, the document *Sharing your ECO Data* (<http://kskits.org/ta/ECOOutcomes/dataDrilldown/index.shtml>) on the TASN-KITS website can assist you with sample messages that you can use to inform your local communities about the good work and outcomes that your early childhood special education services are accomplishing.

If your district is one of the 37 districts that did not meet one or more of the Indicator 7 targets, onsite technical assistance is available at no cost through the Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) requested at (www.ksdetasn.org). There are many resource documents, including online training, related to the Early Childhood Outcomes available on the TASN-KITS website (<http://kskits.org/ta/ECOOutcomes/Index.shtml>).

Once again, I would like to applaud each of you and your early childhood staff for the work you do every day for our Kansas children and families. I am continually impressed by the dedication and efforts of our early childhood providers. If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Tiffany Smith at tsmith@ksde.org or 785-296-1944.