

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 15-2016**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER CONTINUING THE MONTANA FAMILY SUPPORT
SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, P.L. 108-446 (amending the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, or IDEA), is the main federal program authorizing state and local aid for special education and related services for children with disabilities;

WHEREAS, Part C of IDEA authorizes grants to states to develop and maintain early intervention programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities;

WHEREAS, to be eligible for participation in the state grant program for infants and toddlers the Governor must appoint an interagency coordinating council, consistent with the requirements of the federal law, to advise and assist the state's "lead agency" and the state's educational agency regarding issues of early intervention and family support in Montana;

WHEREAS, the Disabilities Services Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services has been designated the "lead agency" for early intervention and family support services provided for under Part C of IDEA;

WHEREAS, since 1992, the Montana Family Support Services Advisory Council, has served as Montana's interagency coordinating council to advise the Disabilities Services Division regarding the state of Montana's intent to continue to implement a statewide, comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, coordinated program of early intervention and family support services for children, aged birth to five, with disabilities and their families; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana do hereby authorize the continuance of the Montana Family Support Services Advisory Council.

PURPOSE

The Council shall carry out all duties assigned pursuant to P.L. 108-446, Section 641 and amendments thereto.

COMPOSITION

The Council shall consist of not more than 26 members, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The names and addresses shall be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary

of State. The Council is attached to the Department of Public Health and Human Services for administrative purposes.

COMPENSATION

Council members eligible for compensation under Montana Code Annotated §2-15-122(5) shall be compensated in an amount to be determined by the Department head, not to exceed \$50 for each day in which the member is actually and necessarily engaged in performance of Council duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to Montana Code Annotated §2-15-122(5).

DURATION

The Council shall exist retroactively to April 9, 2016 and shall exist for a period of two years from this date unless otherwise rescinded or extended by subsequent executive order.

This Order is effective immediately.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 14th day of
September, 2016.



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State