



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

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United States Department of Education
Office of Special Education Programs
Potomac Center Plaza
Mail Stop 2600, Room 5031-A
550 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Washington's Section 3 State Incentive Grant Revisions to the Annual State Application under Part C of IDEA for Federal Fiscal Year 2021

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please accept this notice as Washington State's formal withdrawal from participation in the State Incentive Grants (SIGs) to States under IDEA section 643(e) and 34 C.F.R. § 303.734 that elect to offer IDEA Part C early intervention services to children beyond age three as described under IDEA section 635(c) and 34 C.F.R. § 303.211 (Part C extension option).

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Washington's State Lead Agency, has determined that direct service staff capacity and desire for a more robust stakeholder process requires that we extend our planning and preparation phase and will be unable to meet the current timelines for Federal Fiscal Year 2021.

Please accept this formal withdrawal of Washington State's request for \$2,670,000 in federal Part C funding for this project.

If you have any questions you may contact me by telephone at (360) 789-5705.

Sincerely,

Laurie Thomas

Laurie Thomas, Program Administrator/Part C Coordinator
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By email

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