Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part C
Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program

PURPOSE
The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act – Part C Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities Program provides grants to states to develop and implement a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system that provides early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through 2 years, and their families.

WHO RECEIVES FUNDING
All states participate voluntarily. Funds under this authority are received and administered by a lead agency appointed by the governor of the state, with the participation of a state interagency coordinating council also appointed by the governor.

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED
Federal funds under this program are used for the planning, development, and implementation of a statewide system for the provision of early intervention services. Funds may also be used for the general expansion and improvement of early intervention services.

Infants and toddlers are eligible for this program if they have a developmental delay or a diagnosed condition with a high probability of resulting in developmental delay. At state discretion, children who are at risk for developmental delay may also be included in the target population for the program.

Early intervention services for each eligible child and family are based on a multidisciplinary evaluation and assessment and determined by a written Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) developed by a multidisciplinary team which includes the parents. Services are available to each child and his or her family as stated in the IFSP.

Each eligible child and family receive service coordination and the services included on their IFSP. Based on the child’s developmental needs, these services may include special instruction, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, health services, family services, assistive technology, among others.

Vermont State Profile

How Many Children in VT Receive Part C Services?
In 2009, 776 children ages birth – two received Part C Services, representing a 22% increase since 2004.

However, when looking at how many children were in contact with Part C over the entire 2009 year, rather than looking at one point in time, that number increases to 2,000.

How Does VT Pay for Part C Services?
37% Federal Part C Funding
63% Other Federal, State, Local Funding (i.e. Medicaid)

Does VT Charge a Fee for Families to Participate in Part C?
No, unlike some other states, VT does not currently charge a family fee.

What State Agency Leads VT Part C?
VT is one of only two states that has co-lead agencies: Department of Education and the Department of Human Services.

Source: IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association 2010
http://www.idea infant toddler.org/