

intra-Agency, and inter-Service arrangements, or through contracts with private parties when funds are authorized and appropriated.

(6) Participates in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of personnel development.

(7) Undertakes activities to ensure compliance by the DoDDS with this part through monitoring, technical assistance, and program evaluation of special education and those related services provided by the DoDDS.

(d) The *Director, Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals*, under the *General Counsel of the Department of Defense*, shall ensure impartial due process hearings are provided consistent with Appendix F to this part.

#### § 57.6 Procedures.

(a) The procedures for early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families are prescribed in Appendix A to this part.

(b) The procedures for educational programs and services for children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, are prescribed in Appendix B to this part.

(c) The procedures for conducting hearings are prescribed in Appendix F to this part.

#### APPENDIX A TO PART 57—PROCEDURES FOR THE PROVISION OF EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES

##### *A. Requirements for an Early Intervention Program (EIP)*

1. All eligible infants and toddlers with disabilities from birth through age 2 and their families shall receive early intervention services, as follows:

a. In school years 1991 through 1994, the Department of Defense planned and continues to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities among DoD entities involved in providing such services.

b. In school year 1994 through 1995, the Department of Defense implemented and shall continue to implement the following program components described in paragraph A.1.a. of this Appendix:

- (1) Multidisciplinary assessments.
- (2) IFSPs.
- (3) Service coordination.

c. In school year 1995 through 1996, the Department of Defense shall implement the

program described in paragraph A.1.a. of this Appendix.<sup>1</sup>

2. Early intervention services shall be provided in the natural environment.

3. Parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities are to be full and meaningful participants in the EIP.

##### *B. Military Department Responsibilities*

Each Military Department shall develop and implement in its assigned geographic area a system to provide for the following:

1. A comprehensive child find procedure coordinated with the DoDDS child find system and primary referral sources such as the child development center and the pediatric clinic.

2. Administration and supervision of EIPs and services.

3. Identification of available resources and coordination with those resource providers, including the DoD Components, who routinely provide services to infants and toddlers without disabilities and their families.

4. Procedures to provide timely services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

5. Procedures to resolve inter-Component disputes about the delivery of early intervention services.

6. Procedures to collect and report data reflecting the number of infants and toddlers and their families served, the types of services provided, and other information required by the USD(P&R) implementation of early intervention services.

7. Multidisciplinary, comprehensive, and functional assessment of the unique strengths and needs of infants or toddlers and the identification of services to meet those needs.

8. Procedures for a family-directed assessment to determine resources, priorities, and concerns of a family and to identify services necessary to enhance a family's capacity to meet the child's needs.

9. An IFSP that details the early intervention services and the coordination of those services.

10. A public awareness program focusing on early identification of infants and toddlers with disabilities.

11. A central directory that includes a description of the early intervention services and other relevant resources available in each military community overseas.

12. Information to parents about their EIP procedural safeguards.

13. Establishment of ICCs at appropriate levels. Memberships shall include parents and the DoD Components who are involved in the delivery of early intervention services.

<sup>1</sup>The EIP shall be continuously implemented.