

~~(D) A LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(E) EACH APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT SHALL INCLUDE:~~

~~(1) A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS REQUIRED TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 49D, § 11 OF THE CODE, AND THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDES:~~

~~(I) THE TERMS OF THE COLLABORATION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS;~~

~~(II) THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS; AND~~

~~(III) A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING ONGOING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NONPUBLIC SERVICE PROVIDERS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS;~~

~~(2) DOCUMENTATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY CHILDHOOD ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE:~~

~~(I) MEASURABLE OUTCOMES TO BE ACHIEVED BY THE COLLABORATION; AND~~

~~(II) PROCEDURES FOR MEASURING ANNUAL PERFORMANCE;~~

~~(3) DOCUMENTATION THAT EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS:~~

~~(I) MEET VOLUNTARY STATE ACCREDITATION BASED ON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CRITERIA; OR~~

~~(II) HAVE INITIATED THE PROCESS OF VOLUNTARY STATE ACCREDITATION BY DECEMBER 1, 2000; AND~~

~~(4) DOCUMENTATION THAT THE COLLABORATION WILL PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE, FULL DAY EARLY CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION, AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.~~

~~(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

~~(1) ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE GRANT;~~

~~(2) SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET, AWARD 3 YEAR FUNDING TO LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS;~~

~~(3) SUPERVISE AND MONITOR THE GRANT FUNDS; AND~~

~~(4) VERIFY THAT GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE MEETING ANNUAL BENCHMARKS.~~