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First Steps Seeks Public Comment on Revised I.D.E.A. Part C Submission

Columbia, S.C. – In accordance with Executive Order 2009-12, the lead agency status for BabyNet (South Carolina's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C early intervention program for infants and toddlers) will be transferred from its existing home within the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness, effective January 1, 2010.

As a result of this change, South Carolina First Steps will submit a modified FFY09 Part C grant application to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. A copy of the proposed application can be accessed by visiting <http://www.scfirststeps.org/babynet.html>

South Carolina First Steps will be accepting public comment on this application until the close of business on Monday, December 28, 2009. Please direct written feedback to:

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South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is a comprehensive, results-oriented statewide education initiative to help prepare children to reach school healthy and ready to succeed. Public and private support is combined through county partnerships to enable individual communities to address the unmet needs of young children and their families.

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