

**South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Compliance Agreement
AREA 2: CHILD FIND/PUBLIC AWARENESS COMPLIANCE WORK PLAN**

AREA OF NON-COMPLIANCE: DHEC does not ensure that there is a coordinated child find system and that public awareness materials are made available to the public.

BASELINE DATA:

1. CIMP Self-Assessment Report – December 2000:

- a. Rates of referrals were increasing over time for Caucasian infants and toddlers with disabilities and decreasing for minority infants and toddlers with disabilities; and
- b. Providers reported a lack of training to inform referring and collaborating agencies about early intervention services.

2. OSEP Monitoring Report – Onsite Visit February 2002:

- a. Public awareness activities were not effective in informing parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities of underrepresented populations;
- b. There was a lack of coordination for child find and public awareness between agencies (including child care, migrant Head Start, SSI);
- c. Physician referrals were problematic including a "wait and see" attitude and a misperception that BabyNet involves health instead of development;
- d. There was a lack of public awareness materials in daycare centers, pediatric offices or developmental centers; and
- e. Public awareness materials were not distributed or available in Spanish.

3. BabyTrac Data Reports – June 2003:

- a. BabyTrac data indicates expected number of infants and toddlers are not being identified.

*The finding numbers referenced here correspond to the summary of OSEP's findings on page 1 of this chart.
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