

# STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

*OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES*

**FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,  
GOVERNOR**

3601 C STREET, SUITE 978  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503-5924  
P.O. BOX 240249  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99524-0429  
PHONE: (907) 269-3468  
FAX: (907) 269-3497

July 21, 2006

Dear parents and other EI/ILP team members,

The Alaska EI/ILP is using a new process called a Child Outcomes Summary (COS) to help evaluate desired results for children enrolled in the program. The COS will be used within a few weeks of the child's enrollment, at the yearly assessment, and again near the time of exit from the program.

The state of Alaska believes that this new child outcome measurement is an important part of assuring that quality services are delivered throughout the state. All states and US territories, including Alaska, are required to report outcome data to the Office of Special Education Programs.

Alaska's child outcomes, measurements and processes were chosen by a work group of parents, providers and regional EI/ILP coordinators. This group's goal was to design a system that will collect meaningful data, and at the same time, is not costly for programs in terms of time, money or effort.

Child outcome data for the program will be grouped or aggregated for reporting purposes so that individual identities will always be protected. We hope that the COS data will be useful to show effectiveness of the program to others in the state and also to help us improve the program.



Sincerely,

Erin Kinavey W., M.Ed.  
Alaska EI/ILP Manager  
Part C Coordinator