

## ATTENTION EARLY STEPS PARENTS STATEWIDE!

OSEP-Office of Civil Rights Monitoring will be holding a focus group for Part C -Early Steps recipients. Are you interested in sharing your experience? We are looking for 7 parents around the state. Please call ...

### OSEP FOCUS GROUP WITH PARENTS

- \* One-hour focus group meeting with 6-10 parents identified by the State PTI ( Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans).
- \* OSEP has asked the PTI to consider equity in the selection of parents to ensure that parents are representative of the children served by the state, including but not limited to factors of race, gender, disability, socio-economic status, and geography.
- \* The purpose of this call will be to better understand your experiences, including sharing challenges, strengths, and any communication issues in receiving Part B services for your child.
- \* OSEP will not be able to respond to child-specific concerns and recommends that any specific concerns about your child be addressed separately with your local school district or your State's Education Agency.
- \* OSEP hopes discussion prompts help you understand the types of questions we may ask, but in general, we want to learn more from you about the parent perspective in your State.
- \* Please also find a glossary of frequently used IDEA terms for your convenience.
- \* This call will be led by OSEP and will cover a variety of areas related to our monitoring.
- \* We will guide the discussion so that all parents have an opportunity to share, given the meeting is only scheduled for an hour.
- \* Representatives from your State and local program will not participate in the focus group. However, OSEP will share a summary of the conversation with the State and/or include in the DMS 2.0 report as another data point.
- \* OSEP will NOT share the names of individual parents with the State.

INTERESTED? NEED MORE INFO?

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