Referrals to LEAs

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19 Texas Administrative Code § 89.1050

34 Code of Federal Regulations § 300.503

Prior notice by the public agency; content of notice.

- Referrals to districts can be done via phone call or mailed.
- Districts receive referrals from parents, agencies, MOU partners, or Region One ESC
- Parents are not required to provide a hearing and vision screening as part of the evaluation process.
- District is required to access the child in all areas of suspected disability and asking a parent to provide that information before providing consent may be a denial of FAPE.
- The district can conduct the hearing/vision screening.

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Transition from ECI - AI

Question:

When a child is transitioning from ECI to LEA with parent permission and the LEA wants more current evals Otological or Audiological, do they request the ECI program to get updated evals?

Response:

If the district is wanting the testing to be updated for their eligibility determination under Part B, then it is their responsibility to obtain the reports. (Stephanie Walker, M.Ed. Texas Sensory Support Network, Blind and Visually Impaired Lead: Region 11)



The LEA cannot denied accepting a referral from the ECI program, community agency or parent.

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"I would like to remind you that otological and audiological do NOT have to be updated to determine the presence of a disability and that the district can accept the oto and audio that was obtained during ECI services."

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