



**IDEA Part C**  
**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**  
**(as required by 34 CFR 303)**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that stakeholders across the state of Nebraska have an opportunity to provide informed comment and input into the content of all policies promulgated by the Co-Lead Agencies (Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska Department of Education) for the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)-Part C.

- I. Before adopting any new policy/procedure or revising an existing policy/procedure to comply with Part C of the IDEA and its implementing regulations, the Nebraska Co-Lead Agencies will hold public hearings in multiple locations and at various times to ensure the public has the opportunity to participate. [34 CFR 303.208(b)(1)]
- II. Notice of the hearings will be provided at least thirty (30) days before the hearings are conducted. [34 CFR 303.208(b)(2)]
- III. Notices are required to appear in a newspaper having general circulation in the state and a copy of the notice will be posted on the Co-Lead Agencies' Homepages. [NDE Admin. Memo #604, #607]
- IV. The Co-Lead Agencies will provide an opportunity for the general public, including individuals with disabilities, parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities, Early Intervention Service providers, members of the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (ECICC), and the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) to comment for at least thirty (30) days on the new or revised policy/procedure. [34 CFR 303.208(b)(3)]