

Dear Sirs and Madames,

I'm writing to express my support for the OEC without Birth to Three moving out of DDS. The culture of DDS is critical to it's primary mission which is not child development but family support.

All 40+ contracted programs just responded to an RFP and now most have new contracts ending June 2017.

Please consider waiting until then to add Birth to Three to the OEC. The issues of early care licensing and early learning workforce development are massive. Once the dust settles one can better evaluate whether Birth to Three should leave DDS.

Massachusetts did not put its Part C of IDEA early intervention program in its early childhood department.

This is not a case of move it to improve it. Birth to Three is a national leader right where it is in DDS.

Thank you for your consideration.

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