

**145.954 STANDARDS FOR PROGRAM.**

In planning for the implementation of the program, the commissioner shall:

- (1) establish mechanisms to encourage families to participate in the CHILD program;
- (2) establish mechanisms to identify families who may wish to participate in the CHILD program and to match volunteers with these families either before or as soon as possible after a child is born;
- (3) ensure that local organizations coordinate with services already provided by the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Education to ensure that participating families receive a continuum of care;
- (4) coordinate with local social services agencies, local health boards, and community health boards;
- (5) ensure that services provided through the program are community-based and that the special needs of minority communities are addressed;
- (6) develop and implement appropriate systems to gather data on participating families and to monitor and evaluate their progress; and
- (7) evaluate the program's effectiveness.

**History:** 1996 c 451 art 4 s 28; 2003 c 130 s 12