

On Thu, Jan 18, 2024 at 3:10 PM <WVBTTinfo@gainwelltechnologies.com> wrote:

Dear WV Birth to Three Practitioners, Service Coordinators and RAU staff,

The WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) has been the lead agency for WV Birth to Three since the early 1990s. In March of 2023, the Governor signed into legislation the reorganization of DHHR into three new departments the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Health Facilities effective January 1, 2024. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Governor must designate a new lead agency responsible for the implementation of Part C early intervention services for the state when such a change occurs.

I am pleased to announce that Governor Jim Justice has designated the Department of Health as the new lead agency for WV Birth to Three with the responsibility for carrying out the general administration, supervision, and monitoring of programs and activities. The Bureau for Public Health, Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health will continue to administer the program within the Department of Health. This is very good news for WV Birth to Three!

The WV Birth to Three state staff will be developing a plan for the updating of all standard documentation, the website, brochures, resource materials etc. This will take some time, so for now, continue to use any documents/materials that have the DHHR logo.

Please contact your Regional Technical Assistance Specialist with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mel Woodcock, Director
WV Birth to Three