

Federal Update



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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)



- Signed Into Law February 17, 2009
- Legislation includes \$787 billion
- Program funds are in addition to July 1, 2009 allocation from FFY'09

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Guiding Principles



Spend Quickly to Save and Create Jobs



Ensure Transparency and Accountability



Thoughtfully Invest One-Time Funds

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	<h2>111th Congress</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1st Session continued into January ■ 2nd session scheduled to adjourn early October ■ November 2010 – Mid-term election of the 112th Congress – 1/3 Senate and all House Members ■ January 2011 – 112th Congress Convenes – any bills not signed into law expire and must be reintroduced

	<h2>Agenda of the 111th Congress</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Health Care Reform Enacted</i> ■ Gulf Oil Crisis ■ Jobs Package ■ Continued Medicaid Match Increase ■ Climate Change/CAP and Trade ■ Extension of Unemployment/COBRA Extensions ■ Immigration ■ Afghanistan and Iraq ■ Highways ■ FAA ■ Estate and Other Taxes

	<h2>Agenda of the 111th Congress</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child Care Block Grant/TANF ■ CAPTA Reauthorization ■ Developmental Disabilities Act Reauthorization ■ SAMPSA Reauthorization ■ Child Nutrition ■ Institute on Education Sciences ■ Elementary/Secondary Education (ESEA) ■ IDEA (Part C) ■ "Rosa's Law" S. 2781 ■ Seclusion and Restraint

Health Care Reform

- 3/21 House passed H.R. 3590 "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act"
- 3/21 House passed H.R. 4872, "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act"
- Included amendments to H.R. 3590 to ensure the necessary House votes.
- Senate passed this bill several days later and House passed one more time.
- Legal challenges by some states' Attorneys General

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Reconciliation Bill

- Included Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act.
- Federal student loans will be made through a Direct Loan program
- Savings of \$61 billion over 10 years to help offset cost of health care legislation, to expand Pell Grants and invest \$2 billion in community colleges over the next four years.
- Early Learning Challenge Grant (ELCG) not included
- The administration has announced it is working to find other legislative vehicles to enact the ELCGs.

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New Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

- Funding available for the New Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program
- Announced June 10, 2010
- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Administration on Children and Families (ACF)
- Approximately \$90 million to be awarded this summer to fund the new grant program for eligible States and territories to provide evidence-based home visiting programs for children and families in at risk communities.
- Application deadline is July 09, 2010.

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U.S. Education Secretary Duncan to Governors

“Our role is to be a partner and a resource to you as you work to balance your budget...while advancing these essential reforms in our nation’s schools so that every child in America can receive a complete and competitive education – **from cradle through career.**”

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Secretary Duncan - NAEYC

- The Department of Education has adopted a **birth through 3rd grade early learning agenda** embraces full range of early childhood.
- Added **one invitational priority to the \$4.3 billion Race to the Top fund—an early learning priority** to support states to improve school readiness and the transition between preschool and kindergarten.
- In **Invest in Innovation 13** grants for districts and non-profits who invest in successful educational innovations, improved collaboration and transitions on the **early childhood continuum from birth through age 8 will be a competitive priority.**

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Key Appointments

- **Alexa Posny**, Assistant Secretary OSERS and Acting OSEP Director
- **Jacqueline Jones**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Early Learning, DOE
- **Carmen Nazario**, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families
- **Yvette Sanchez Fuentes**, Director of the Office of Head Start
- **Joan Lombardi**, Deputy Assistant Secretary and inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, HHS

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Early Learning Challenge Fund

- Passed by House September 17th by 253-171
- Included as Title IV of H.R. 3221 The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act
- Bill expected in the Senate in January 2010
- State Grants for Birth to Five
- To increase the number of disadvantaged children who participate in comprehensive and high-quality early learning programs.
- Jointly to administered- ED and HHS

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PURPOSES

- **Promote State standards reform**
- Establish high program **standards of quality**
- Fund & implement initiatives to **improve skills & effectiveness of providers, & improve quality of existing programs,**

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Purposes cont.

- To ensure a **greater number of disadvantaged children** enter kindergarten with cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills and abilities **to be successful in school.**
- To **increase parents' abilities to access** comprehensive and high quality early learning **programs .**

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Competitive State Grants

- Quality Pathways Grants – up to 5 years
- Development Grants – up to 3 years
- State lead agency established by State
- Must Coordinate proposed activities with the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care
- \$8 Billion for 8 Years
- Must Coordinate with Title 1, HS, Child Care, Part C and 619 of IDEA

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Early Learning Listening Tour

- **Understanding Preschool – Grade 3 Structures**
April 23, 2010 Washington, D.C.
 - **Workforce and Professional Development**
April 26, 2010 Denver, CO
 - **Family Engagement**
May 4, 2010, Orlando, FL
 - **Standards and Assessments**
May 11, 2010 Chicago, IL
- Written Comments Were Due May 18, 2010**

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Other Important Activities

- Race to the Top Grants
- Investment in Innovation
- IES State Longitudinal Data Systems
- Promise Neighborhoods
- Common Core Standards (NGA) and (CCSSO)

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ARRA State Advisory Council Grants Available

- From Head Start Reauthorization funded under ARRA - \$100,000,000
- Governor must designate a council
- Representatives of IDEA Part C *or* 619
- Must include strategic plan to develop and enhance high quality systems of early care and education
- Requires 70% non-Federal share to apply
- Applications due August 1, 2010

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Head Start

- ARRA Funds increased services for EHS and Head Start
- Performance Standards will be revised
- Public comment period will be requested
- 10 Outreach Meetings Around the Country

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Part C Regulations

- Proposed Regulations issued May 2007, 2 and ½ years after IDEA 2004 enacted
- Comment period closed 7/07 -over 3,500 comments
- Final draft went to OMB in October 2008 and withdrawn Jan 16, 2009
- Multiple Part B regulations out since 12/04
- January 2010 – Regs are moving forward
- Regs *were* expected July 2010 BUT
- ***A delay announced April 2010***

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President's Budget FFY'11

- Part C – Freeze at FFY'10 level
- 619 Preschool SpEd – Freeze at FFY'10 level
- Part B - \$250 million increase
- Early Learning Challenge Fund - \$9 billion over 10 years

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President's Budget FFY'11

- CCDBG - \$1.6 billion increase
- Head Start and Early Head Start - \$989 million increase
- Title 1 – Freeze at FFY'10 level
- 21st Century Community Learning Centers – frozen
- Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit – nearly double

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FY 2011 Budget/Appropriations

- Federal Year begins October 1, 2010
- President Provided Budget Request
- Congress develops Budget – No President Approval Needed
- Appropriations must be approved by House, Senate and President
- IDEA funds for July 1, 2011

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More Funding News

- Thune plan to cut 5% of FFY'10 funds
- Some say use unspent stimulus funds
- President asked for 5% cuts in all federal departments
- Senate bill this week to decide on extending unemployment, taxes and other things including:
 - \$25 billion Medicaid FMAP ARRA extension until 6/30/11
 - \$23 billion emergency jobs bill for teachers
