To: LEA Special Education Directors and Preschool Coordinators Re: Determinations Letters on Preschool Outcomes (Indicator 7)

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At USEAM, the FFY2009 Annual Performance Report (APR) data were provided to directors to review results before the determinations letters were sent to the LEA special education directors and superintendents. At this time, several districts have questioned the reason that they did not meet state targets for preschool outcomes indicator 7. This is the first year it is required that results for each LEA be posted for preschool outcomes.

## Below are concerns and considerations with the data for Indicator 7:

- 1. The baseline data is high.
- Targets were required to be set by OSEP, above the baseline, even though the baseline was high and probably not indicative of the population of students measured within UPOD (Utah Preschool Outcomes Data).
- 3. FFY 2009 was the first year to analyze the data and to do additional professional development on implementation of the scoring process.
- 4. The data, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, indicated that Utah's data for this indicator was above the national average.

## Actions for next year:

All districts will provide data for this indicator by June 30, 2011 for the 2010-2011 school year, which will be reported on the upcoming FFY 2010 Annual Performance Report (APR). To ensure validity of data submitted, the following will be provided for next year:

- 1. Data will be analyzed by the USOE Preschool Coordinator over the summer to examine any concerns with the data within each district.
- 2. WIMBA training will be provided at 3:00pm-4:00pm, August 15, 2011, to outline the concerns of data that were submitted and national trends.
- 3. The USOE Preschool Coordinator will contact individual districts if the data submitted need to be reexamined throughout their LEA and changes to their report may be resubmitted by September 30, 2011.
- 4. USOE Preschool Coordinator will provide individual district-wide training on the UPOD process, if requested by the LEA, during August and September.

It will take all of us working together looking at individual LEA data to ensure that data reported are reliable and valid. If you did not get a copy of the FFY 2009 APR report you can access that information at <a href="http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/DOCS/tc\_review.aspx.">http://www.schools.utah.gov/sars/DOCS/tc\_review.aspx.</a>
You will be receiving your annual determination letter soon. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.