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RE: Family-Centered Early Support & Services (ESS) Notification to Local Districts  
for Child Find: Update on FY'08 Memo #32

The NH Department of Education would like to update FY'08 Memo #32. The NH Department of Education and the NH Department of Health & Human Services recently received clarification from the USDOE Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) on the guidance document for Family-Centered Early Supports & Services Notification to Local Districts for Child Find. Based on this feedback, the document has been revised to more accurately reflect the State's policy regarding parent's option to opt-out of the notification process. This does not change the intent of the policy but provides more detail on how ESS and LEAs will collaborate to identify children for 'Child Find' purposes.

Enclosed is the updated guidance document as well as the brochure that explains the notification process. Please contact Ruth Littlefield at 271-2178 with questions.

This document is available in alternative format upon request.