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Dear Superintendent or Designee,

Enclosed is the **2025-26** edition of **The Interagency Agreement Regarding the Provision of Service Delivery & Transition for Young Children & Families** among community and local education agencies in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. This revision continues to incorporate the most recent Interdepartmental Agreement between the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Health/Help Me Grow Rules, and the Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools Serving Children with Disabilities. This document fulfills your District's requirement for an Interagency Agreement as defined in Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities, and *Preschool children eligible for special education, 3301-51-11* both effective December 1, 2023. In addition, the 2025-26 Agreement functions as a resource for all agencies to ensure the accuracy of information shared with families of young children regarding screenings and referrals, evaluations, transitions, and services. The intent is that this agreement assists all team members in understanding the specific steps to serve young children and their families.

Agencies/entities which participate in the Agreement include:

- *Bright Beginnings*
- *Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities*
- *Cuyahoga County Local Education Agencies*
- *Family and Children First Council of Cuyahoga County*
- *Starting Point for Child Care and Early Education*
- *Step Forward - Early Head Start & Head Start*
- *The Centers - Head Start and Early Head Start Grantee for Catholic Charities*

The Cuyahoga County Interagency Agreement Workgroup, which included representatives from the above agencies and Cuyahoga County LEAs, collaborated to complete this Agreement. Bright Beginnings is the facilitating agency for the agreement.

The directors/superintendents of the entities listed above signed the Agreement. We sent a digital copy of this agreement to your special education director and preschool supervisor (if applicable). For additional information, please contact Theresa Richardson at SST3 by phone (216) 446-3818 (office) or e-mail: Theresa.Richardson@escneo.org.

We request that you review the Agreement, complete, and return one signature page in the enclosed envelope (or via FAX 216-446-3829/email Theresa.Richardson@escneo.org) to State Support Team 3. Keep the other signature page for your records.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important document as we strive to improve services and supports to young children and their families.

Cordially,



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State Support Team Region 3



Katie Parker
Early Intervention Manager
Bright Beginnings

2025-26 INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

AMONG

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Signature below acknowledges receipt and agreement to the above referenced document.

Superintendent or Designee Signature

Date

Printed Name

Brecksville - Broadview Heights

District

Please return **one** form in the provided envelope OR FAX to: 216-446-3829 OR Scan and e-mail to: Theresa.Richardson@escneo.org. Contact Theresa.Richardson@escneo.org @ 216.446-3818 or via e-mail if you have questions.