

Educational Program  
Series 600

Policy Title: Early ACCESS (Early Intervention Services Available to All Eligible Children)  
Code No. 602

**Policy Statement**

Heartland AEA provides a comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency regional Early ACCESS system with appropriate early intervention services to all eligible children age birth to 3 and their families within AEA boundaries. This regional system will be referred to as Region 11 within Iowa's statewide Early ACCESS system.

**Scope of Policy**

There are four components of the regional Early ACCESS system:

- General Supervision
- Early Identification (public awareness, Child Find, evaluation, and eligibility determination)
- Family-centered early intervention services in natural environments, service coordination, and individual family service plans (IFSPs)
- Transition services from Early ACCESS (age birth to 3) to special education (3+ years)

**Accountability Overview**

The referenced policies of Heartland AEA are to be implemented in Region 11 in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C and the Iowa Administrative Rules for Early ACCESS. These policies are set forth in the Early ACCESS regulations and procedures as adopted by the Board.

(Implementing regulations may be accessed using the electronic link at <https://iowaideainformation.org/early-intervention/>)

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