

About MnSIC

In 1998, Minnesota passed two statutes, 125A.023 and 125A.027, known as the *[Interagency Services for Children with Disabilities Act](#). This system is now formally referred to as The Minnesota System of Interagency Coordination (MnSIC) by state and local partners.

The purpose of this act is to "... develop and implement a coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency intervention service system for children ages birth through 21 with disabilities."

This legislation affects all agencies and educational organizations working with these individuals and their families. It also affects the following local interagency committees serving children and youth with disabilities and their families:

- Interagency Early Intervention Committees (IEICs)
- Community Transition Interagency Committees (CTICs)
- Family Services Collaboratives (FSCs)
- Children's Mental Health Collaboratives (LCCs/LACs)

The implementation of the goals within this mandate is jointly led through a state-appointed committee, the [State Interagency Committee](#)

What Must Be Done?

The 8 main objectives within the Coordinated Interagency Services legislation (M.S.125A.023) state that Minnesota must:

- Develop guidelines for implementation of policies to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated system of all state and local agency services.
- Develop guidelines to assist local Governing Boards of the IEIC's to carry out their duties in 125A.027.
- Identify and develop a common, standardized written plan for every child and youth with a disability.
- Identify adequate, equitable funding sources to streamline services.
- Coordinate multi-disciplinary evaluation and assessment of children with disabilities.
- Develop a common dispute resolution process.
- Evaluate the success of state and local interagency efforts through this initiative.
- Other activities as needed.

What is the Timeline?

Children with disabilities up through age 21 are now eligible for coordinated services and their eligibility to receive such services under M.S.125A.023 was phased in over a four-year period as follows:

1. July 1, 2001, children up to age nine became eligible;

2. July 1, 2002, children up to age 14 became eligible; and
3. July 1, 2003, children up to age 21 became eligible.

Who is Responsible?

State Level

A state appointed committee - the State Interagency Committee (SIC) - has been appointed to oversee and make key decisions about the development and implementation of this initiative at a state level.

Local Level

Minnesota Statute 125A.023 designates the Governing Boards of the Interagency Early Intervention Committees (IEICs) with the responsibility of designing and implementing their birth through 21 interagency system. The Governing Boards are members of local school boards and county boards.

However, other local interagency groups such as the Family Services Collaboratives, Children's Mental Health Collaboratives, and Community Transition Interagency Committees have joint and equal responsibility to work in cooperation and coordination through the MnSIC.

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