

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 35

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly, through Public Act 11-181, required the creation of a coordinated system of early care and education (“coordinated system”) by July 1, 2013, vested the authority to plan such coordinated system in the planning director within the Office of Policy and Management, and established the coordinated system as of July 1, 2013;

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly, through Public Act 11-181, required the planning director to submit reports to the general assembly on details of the plan for the coordinated system;

**WHEREAS**, the planning director completed and submitted the plan for the coordinated system to the general assembly on March 21, 2013, recommending the consolidation of certain programs and staff into a new agency, the Office of Early Childhood, and recommending that the new agency serve as the lead agency for the coordinated system;

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly, through sections 1 and 50 of Public Act 13-247 and sections 1 and 53 of Public Act 13-184, created the Office of Early Childhood, transferring the appropriations for programming and staff from various state agencies to the Office of Early Childhood, as recommended in the plan for the coordinated system;

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly, through section 50 of Public Act 13-247 and section 53 of Public Act 13-184 grants certain authorities and transfers certain responsibilities to the executive director of the Office of Early Childhood;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 4-38d of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Office is the successor agency to the state agencies from which programs were transferred into the Office pursuant to Public Act 13-247 and Public Act 13-184;

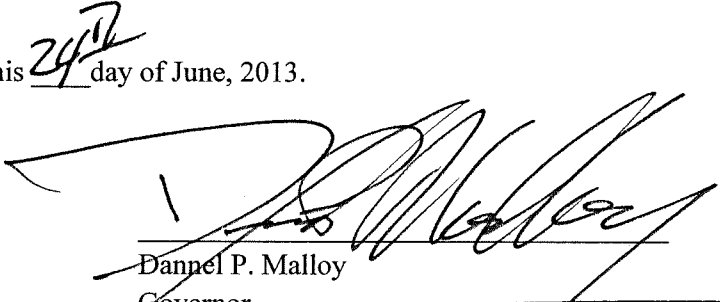
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, DANNEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of the State of Connecticut do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT**:

1. The Office of Early Childhood (“Office”), shall be the lead agency for the administration of programs, funding for which was appropriated to the Office in section 1 of Public Act 13-247, and for the coordinated system established in Public Act 11-181, section 2, as codified in section 10-16bb of the Connecticut General Statutes.
2. The Office shall be led by the executive director established in section 50 of Public Act 13-184 and section 53 of Public Act 13-247. Within available appropriations, and as otherwise authorized by law, the executive director shall employ such other staff as necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of the Office.
3. The Office shall:
  - a. Administer programs, funding for which was appropriated to the Office in section 1 of Public Act 13-247;
  - b. Administer the coordinated system established by section 10-16bb of the Connecticut General Statutes;
  - c. Implement a communications strategy for outreach to families, service providers and policymakers;


- d. Convene and coordinate with the Departments of Education, Social Services, Developmental Services, Children and Families, Public Health and the Office of Policy and Management to foster the coordinated system developed pursuant to section 10-16cc and established pursuant to Public Act 11-181, section 3, as codified in 10-16bb of the Connecticut General Statutes;
  - e. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including municipalities and local education agencies;
  - f. As necessary, enter into memoranda of agreement with and accept donations from nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to accomplish the purposes of the Office, in accordance with sections 10-16bb of the Connecticut General Statutes and any other provisions relating to the receipt of gifts, contributions, and other income from private sources by state agencies;
  - g. Study, within available appropriations or with funding received from private or philanthropic sources, the feasibility of moving the Birth to Three program from the Department of Developmental Services to the Office of Early Childhood by July 1, 2014, and present the results of such study to the Governor and co-chairs of the joint standing committee of the general assembly with cognizance of matters relating to appropriations by January 1, 2014; and
  - h. Enter into memoranda of agreement with other state agencies, as necessary, to coordinate the transfer of staff and responsibilities related to the administration of programs appropriated to the Office in Public Act 13-247.
4. All Executive Branch agencies shall collaborate and cooperate with the Office and enter into such memoranda of agreement as are necessary for the administration of the coordinated system and for the transition and transfer of staff and responsibilities transferred to the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to PA 13-247, and Public Act 13-184.
  5. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to contradict or supersede any statute or constitutional provision, and this Order is not intended to suspend, modify or revoke any statutory provision enacted by the General Assembly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

  
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 Dannel P. Malloy  
 Governor

By His Excellency's Order

  
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 Denise Merrill  
 Secretary of the State

