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- Informs parents of the differences between the two systems in role, staffing patterns, schedules, and focus;
- Provides opportunities for mutual visits by staff to one another's facilities to help plan appropriate placement;
- Familiarizes parents and staff of the receiving program's characteristics and expectations;
- Provides early and mutually planned transfer of records with parent consent at times convenient for both systems;
- Provides information on services available under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, the federally-funded parent training centers and provisions for parent involvement and due process; and
- Provides opportunities for parents to confer with staff to express their ideas and needs so they have experience in participating in IEP and other conferences in an active, confident manner. Role playing has been found helpful.

It is strongly recommended that programs develop activities for smooth transition into Head Start from Part H infant/toddler programs funded under IDEA and from Head Start to kindergarten or other placement. In order to be effective, such plans must be developed jointly. They are advantageous for the children, parents, Part H programs, Head Start and LEAs. ACYF has developed materials useful for transition. American Indian programs whose children move into several systems, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and public schools, need to prepare children and families in advance for the new situation. Plans should be used as working documents and reviewed for annual update, so that the foundation laid in Head Start is maintained and strengthened.

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Subpart A—General

§ 1309.1 Purpose and application.

This part prescribes regulations implementing sections 644(c) and 644(f) of the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*, as it applies to grantees operating Head Start programs under the Act. It describes the procedures for applying for Head Start grant funds to purchase facilities in which to operate Head Start programs, and the conditions under which grant funds may be awarded to purchase facilities. It also specifies the measures which must be taken to protect the Federal interest in facilities purchased with Head Start grant funds.

§ 1309.2 Approval of previously purchased facilities.

Head Start grantees which purchased facilities after December 31, 1986, and before October 7, 1992, may request retroactive approval of the purchase by submitting an application which conforms to the requirements of this Part and the Act. Grant funds may be used to pay facility purchase costs incurred only after the responsible HHS official approves an application for a previously purchased facility.

§ 1309.3 Definitions.

As used in this part,