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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exceptional Student Education Administrators
Contact Persons, Prekindergarten Programs for Children with Disabilities

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman

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**SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PAPER (TAP) - USING THE CONTRACTING
RULE TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCLUSION FOR
PREKINDERGARTEN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

In support of the Department of Education's goal to assist school districts in providing quality, efficient services to all Florida students and consistent with goals of Florida's State Performance Plan (SPP), the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services desires to expand educational opportunities for prekindergarten children with disabilities to receive educational services with their typically developing peers. One way for districts to do this is to enter into contractual agreements for the provision of services through community-based early education and care programs.

We are pleased to provide you with a technical assistance paper that offers information on using Rule 6A-6.0361, Florida Administrative Code, "Contractual Arrangements with Nonpublic Schools," to expand opportunities for inclusion for preschool children.

If you have additional questions, please contact Cathy Bishop, Program Specialist, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, at the contact information listed above.

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Attachment

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