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## **Memorandum #05-6**

TO: Directors of Special Education  
District Superintendents  
Interested Parties

FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
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DATE: August 9, 2005

SUBJECT: Statewide Discretionary Projects

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify information about statewide discretionary projects, and to encourage the purchase of services from our discretionary projects. As most of you are aware, recent legislative changes made by P.A. 94-0069 have reinstated IDEA Part B discretionary funds to the Illinois State Board of Education to support the continuation of several statewide discretionary projects. While ISBE will continue to use these funds to offset costs for providing quality technical assistance to you, we are implementing a change in payment policy.

To provide continued support while promoting the expansion and self sufficiency of services statewide, the ISBE has directed the following statewide projects to charge fees for some of their services:

Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project  
Kathy Gould, Project Director  
630/889-7398  
[www.illinoisautismproject.org](http://www.illinoisautismproject.org)

Illinois EBD/PBIS Network  
Lucille Eber, Project Director  
708/482-4860  
[www.ebdnetwork-il.org](http://www.ebdnetwork-il.org)

Illinois Service Resource Center  
Cheri Sinnott, Project Director  
847/559-0110  
[www.isrc.us](http://www.isrc.us)

Project CHOICES  
Ruth Henning, Project Director  
630/629-0551  
[www.projectchoices.org](http://www.projectchoices.org)

**The ISBE encourages districts to use IDEA Part B Flow-Through dollars for the purchase of services from these statewide discretionary projects.** We recognize your requirement for expenditures to total 5% of monies on personnel development activities. Most of those activities are documented on line 2210: *Improvement of Instruction Services* of your grant application. The purchase of services from these discretionary projects, however, should be documented on line 4100: *Payments to Other Governmental Units*. Please note payments by the name of the discretionary project so that they may be recognized and appropriately identified as personnel development for auditing purposes.

If you have questions regarding services of any of these discretionary projects, please contact the project directors noted above.

If you have any questions about information in this communication, please contact Barbara Sims at 217/782-5589 or [bsims@isbe.net](mailto:bsims@isbe.net). If you have any questions regarding the use of Flow-Through dollars for the purchase of services please contact your grant coordinator, Bonnie Douglas or Penny Kelly, at 217/782-5589 [or bdouglas@isbe.net](mailto:bdouglas@isbe.net) or [gkelly@isbe.net](mailto:gkelly@isbe.net).