

**Office of State Budget and Management**  
**Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**  
(G.S. 143-34.1)

**Agency:** J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center      **Division:** DHHS-DM/DD/SAS

**Budget Code:** 24466      **Center Title:** Speech and Hearing Clinic Grant      **Center Number:** 2341

**\*\*\* Position Information \*\*\***

**Proposed Classification:** Speech and Language Pathologist I      **Proposed Salary Grade:** 71

**Salary Range:** \$32,729 - \$53,363      **Proposed Effective Date:** 01 / 01 / 05

**Number of Positions:** 1

	<u><b>Center Authorized Budget</b></u>	<u><b>Current Request</b></u>
Total Budget	\$0	\$65,190
Receipts	\$0	\$65,190
Appropriation	\$0	\$0

**Funding Source(s):** DHHS – Division of Public Health, Women and Childrens' Health Section- Speech and Hearing Grant

**Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):**

For the past five years, this position has been established as a regular SPA position, Speech and Language Pathologist I, at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Funds to support this position have always been provided by the Division of Public Health, Women and Childrens' Health Section, DHHS. Toward the end of the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the administration at Western Carolina University notified the Division of Public Health that they no longer had the resources to provide administrative oversight to this position and planned to terminate this position June 30, 2004.

Since J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center has a Speech and Hearing Clinic funded by the Division of Public Health, they contacted us and requested that we establish a similar position in our clinic budget to transfer the position from WCU to JIRDC. We agreed to amend our 2004-2005 Clinic budget to set up this new position and budget the additional funds provided by the Division of Public Health to support the salaries and other operating expenses associated with this position.

The role of this position has been, and will continue to be, to serve as the Regional Child Health Speech and Language Consultant for 11 of the western most counties in North Carolina and will be home-based within these eleven counties. The services provided by this position are required to meet the state mandated program for universal newborn hearing screening. This position provides the follow up for the newborn hearing program by screening infants for congenital permanent hearing loss. Failure to establish this position will mean that the Division of Public Health will not be able to meet the requirements of the state mandated hearing screening program and thus reduce critical services now available for infants with hearing loss.

**Statutory Reference for Request**

	Year 1 (6 Months)	Year 2
1 FTE	\$20,688	\$41,375
Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,502	\$ 9,004
Operational Expenses	\$ 7,405	\$14,811
TOTAL	\$32,595	\$65,190

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Presentation to be made by

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Agency Head Signature

Chief, State Operated Services  
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