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QUALIFIED PERSONNEL

Only qualified personnel may conduct evaluations and assessments or provide early intervention services. "Qualified personnel" means persons who meet stateapproved or recognized certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements in the areas in which the personnel are conducting evaluations or assessments or providing early intervention services. "Qualified personnel" includes, but is not limited to:

- (1) Counselors;
- (2) Developmental specialists, as certified by the department;
- (3) Family therapists;
- (4) Hearing impairment interventionists including audiologists and teachers of the deaf;
- (5) Marriage and family therapists;
- (6) Nurses;
- (7) Occupational therapists;
- (8) Pediatricians, psychiatrists, and other physicians for diagnostic and evaluation purposes;
- (9) Physical therapists:
- (10) Psychologists;
- (11) Registered dieticians;
- (12) Social workers;

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- (13) Special educators including early childhood educators when licensed for ages three through eight, grades kindergarten through third, or special education;
- (14) Speech and language pathologists; and
- (15) Vision specialists including ophthalmologists, optometrists, teachers of the visually impaired, and orientation and mobility specialists.