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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AND
THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

The contract between MDHS and MSU to operate the Early Years Network program - including the Resource and Referral sites- will end Dec. 31, 2016. On Jan. 1, 2017, MDHS will assume full leadership of these programs. MSU and MDHS will continue to work cooperatively and diligently to operate these sites through the end of the contract period to continue to serve the needs of Mississippi families impacted by this program and to seek solutions that keep the flow of services from being interrupted during this orderly transition.