

Michigan Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Education, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, will conduct public hearings to receive comment on the proposed new Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)/*Early On*[®] Funding Formula and present its Michigan Annual Performance Report for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 for public review.

A change in the program funding formula under Part C of the IDEA is considered a policy change. In accordance with Sec. 303.110 a state must publish a policy in a manner that will ensure circulation throughout the state for at least a 60-day period, with an opportunity for comment on the policy for at least 30 days during that 60-day period.

The public participation period for Part C of IDEA/*Early On* Michigan will be from February 1, 2010 through April 2, 2010.

The Part C Annual Performance Report for FFY 2008 and the proposed funding formula are accessible on the internet at www.michigan.gov/earlyon.

Public Hearings for the proposed *Early On* funding formula will be held at the following sites:

Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Library Forum, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan.

Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, Large Conference Room, 321 E. Ohio, Marquette, Michigan.

Oral or written comment may be presented in person at the hearings or submitted in writing by mail, e-mail, or facsimile no later than 5:00 p.m., April 2, 2010. All comment will be reviewed and considered in the final version of the policy. Comments may be submitted to the following:

Public Comment
Michigan Department of Education
Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services
P.O. Box 30008
Lansing, MI 48909
Email: MDE-ECEPubComment@michigan.gov
Fax: 517-335-0592

If special accommodations are needed to participate in the public hearings, contact Cheryl Najm at 517-335-1580 or email at najmc@michigan.gov by March 1, 2010.