

Spring Update

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Topics

- 2009 MEGS Application for *Early On*®
- Determinations and Findings
- Public Reporting
- 2009 Allocation Estimates
- OSEP Visit Results
- CIMS Design Team Revisions
- Cohort Reminder

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Application: Assurances

- Under 'Other Important Information about the *Early On* Michigan Application,' section I-5
- Print, sign and fax or mail to MDE

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Application: Assurances

Assurances include:

- Agreement to comply with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Michigan State Plan.

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Application: Assurances

Assurances include:

- Notification to MDE that you will use the Michigan Prototype Forms for Authorization to Share, Consent to Evaluate, IFSP, and Transition, OR
- Notification to MDE that you will submit with your application due July 1, 2008 locally developed versions of the forms that meet all IDEA and State Plan requirements. (In this case MDE will notify you of approval or request edits.)

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Application: Budget

Refer to the 2008 Allowable Cost Guide Document located at:

http://eotta.ccesa.org/Files/PDF/Allowable_Costs_Guide_2008.pdf

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Application: Budget

Carefully consider costs for Local Interagency Coordinating Council support and public awareness.

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Application: LICC

- Pulled over from last year; please update with any changes.
- Must include at least 20% parents.
- Must include at least one member from each of the following: the Department of Human Services, public health, and mental health .

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Application: Service Area Plan

- Pulled over from last year; indicate that each section was reviewed and if there were changes to any sections.
- If there are changes please make edits obvious by writing in all CAPITAL letters or adding edits at the end of the section with a date the edit was made.

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Application: Consent of Collaboration

- Pulled over from last year, please update with any changes.
- It must be printed and signed by each required representative and faxed or mailed to MDE.

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Application: Self Assessment

- To be completed by only Cohorts 2 and 3.
- Data for Cohort 1 will be taken from the Child Record Review portion of the Service Provider Self Review.

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Application: Self Assessment

- To address Annual Performance Report Indicators:
 - 1: Timely Services, 30-day timeline
 - 7: Evaluation and Assessment, 45-day timeline
 - 8: Transition
- Target for each is 100%.

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Application: Self Assessment

Selecting a Sample:

- 10% of 12/1/07 child count, but not less than 10.
- One half of files must be from a child who entered *Early On* since 12/1/07.
- One half of files must be from a child who is either in the transition process or has recently transitioned out of *Early On*.

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Application: Self Assessment

Questions 1 – 8

- Address indicators 1 and 7.
- Use the files from children who entered since 12/1/07 for these questions.
- Use the checklist at:
http://eotta.ccesa.org/Files/PDF/ServiceArea_Checklist_for_Self_Assessment.pdf

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Application: Self Assessment

Questions 9 – 13

- Address indicator 8.
- Use the files from children who are in the transition process or have recently transferred out of *Early On*.
- Use the checklist at:
http://eotta.ccesa.org/Files/PDF/ServiceArea_Checklist_for_Self_Assessment.pdf

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Application

The application will be available on MEGS by May 1, 2008

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Application

Remember!

Application is due July 1, 2008!

That includes:

- Assurances
- Forms, if not using state prototypes
- Signatures
- Completed MEGS Application

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Determinations and Findings

2008 Determinations will be based on:

- Indicator 1: Timely Services, 30-day timeline
- Indicator 7: Evaluation and Assessment, 45-day timeline
- Indicator 8: Transition
- Any existing audit findings
- Timeliness of required submissions (application, IFRs, child outcome data, etc.)

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Determinations and Findings

- Michigan is required to base determinations on data from FFY2006, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.
- Michigan may use any additional data that is available.

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Determinations and Findings

- 2008 Determinations will be based on:
- EETRK/MICIS data from 12/1/06, 6/1/07, and 12/1/07,
 - Child record review from SPSR for cohort 1 and self assessment for cohorts 2 and 3,
 - Child record review from summer 2007 for cohort 3, and
 - Verified data from quarterly reports.

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Determinations and Findings

- Findings will also be based on Indicators 1, 7, and 8.
- Any findings of non-compliance will require improvement planning and quarterly reports.
- Compliance is 100%.

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Determinations and Findings

Coming **late summer 2008**
to a service area
near you!

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Public Reporting

- By fall 2008, MDE will release information for accessing data on each service area for:
- Indicator 1: Timely Services, 30-day timeline
 - Indicator 2: Natural Environments
 - Indicator 5: Child Find, birth – 1
 - Indicator 6: Child Find, birth – 3
 - Indicator 7: Evaluation and Assessment, 45-day timeline
 - Indicator 8: Transition

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Budget Allocations

- Estimated Budget Allocations for 2008 – 2009
- Michigan received fewer federal funds again due to decreasing population and lack of federal funding increases.
 - These estimates will be available at: www.michigan.gov/earlyon by April 18.

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New and Updated Reference Bulletins

- Vision and Hearing
- Procedural Safeguards
- CAPTA
- Comprehensive Evaluations
- Natural Environments
- Referrals
- Timely Services
- Transition Services

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CIMS Design Team

- Special Education (Part B) has been through one full cycle of SPSR (three years).
 - They have made improvements along the way.
 - *Early On* has benefitted from their learning.
- A team of stakeholders (special education, *Early On*, ISD/local/MDE staff) has suggested further improvements to CIMS.

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CIMS Design Team

The purposes of the improvements are to:

- Link all aspects of CIMS to the SPP,
- Clarify differences between results and compliance issues,
- Ensure alignment between data collection and usage, and
- Allow flexibility based on local needs.

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CIMS Design Team

Highlights of the proposed changes include:

- CIMS would be focused on service areas' needs as indicated by data,
- SPSR would be an internal function of each service areas,
- Findings of noncompliance would still generate a need for correction within timelines,

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CIMS Design Team

- Data for quarterly reports could be taken directly from MICIS for those service areas using it as a daily tracking system, and
- The 'verification' portion of CIMS would
 - measure fidelity of CIMS implementation,
 - verify data, and
 - verify correction.

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OSEP Visit Results

- OSEP completed a verification visit to Michigan in November 2007.
- They looked at our systems of general supervision, data collection, and fiscal management.
- We received their response letter at the end of March; it is available online at: www.michigan.gov/earlyon

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OSEP Visit Results

- Overall, OSEP was impressed with the system improvements we have been working on over the past few years.
- They feel that the systems will likely assist Michigan to be in compliance.
- They are anxious to see our systems once all of the improvements are put into place.

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OSEP Visit Results

OSEP cited four areas for correction:

1. Michigan must assure OSEP that it has not adopted a specific percentage of compliance for making determinations or findings.

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OSEP Visit Results

2. Michigan must submit revised correction procedures to ensure that all findings of noncompliance identified in Focused Monitoring Reports have specific corrective action measures required in the improvement plan.

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OSEP Visit Results

3. Michigan must report on the correction of previously identified findings of noncompliance through Focused Monitoring Reports for four identified service areas.

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OSEP Visit Results

4. Michigan must provide a specific written assurance that MDE has informed its State audit office of the need to review its procedures to comply with and report on the actual state and local expenditures to meet Part C's maintenance of effort requirements.

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Cohorts

- Cohort 1 (Mischele): finishing up the Service Provider Self Review, continuing to collect child outcomes data
- Cohort 2 (Jessica): continuing to collect child outcomes data, child record review in MEGS application
- Cohort 3 (Vanessa): training this spring to collect child outcomes data, child record review in MEGS application

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Cohort 3

Child Outcomes Training Dates:

- May 2 at COOR ISD
- May 12 at Eaton ISD
- May 20 at Wayne RESA
- May 21 at Washtenaw ISD
- May 30 at Marquette-Alger RESA

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Questions?

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