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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, Early Intervention Stakeholders, State Agencies, and Private Profit or Private or Public Nonprofit Organizations

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: **Grant Opportunities** for Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce two **Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** competitive grant opportunities. The goal of Part C of the IDEA is to provide support to infants and toddlers under three years of age with disabilities and their families. These funds are geared toward improving the developmental outcomes of children who have disabilities and their families' capacity to enhance their growth and development. Various stakeholders are eligible to apply including school districts, public or private profit or nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher learning.

Comprehensive System of Personnel Development

This is a grant to support the Comprehensive System of Personnel Development components for the infant toddler early intervention system commonly referred to as *Early On*® Michigan. There are three components: 1) to provide coordination of regional inservice training for early intervention staff; 2) to coordinate and provide technical assistance to the *Early On* Local Interagency Coordinating Councils; and 3) to provide support to faculty in higher education institutions to improve the preparation of early intervention personnel.

Child Find, Public Awareness, and Information and Referral

Funds will be granted to provide a comprehensive child find system, a public awareness program focusing on early identification of children with disabilities, and a central directory system which includes, but is not limited to, information on early intervention services, resources, and research in the area of infants and toddlers.

A technical assistance web meeting for these grant opportunities will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007. Session details, as well as the grant instructions and application forms, will be posted on line at www.michigan.gov/earlyon.

Questions regarding the Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act grants may be directed to Vanessa Winborne, Coordinator, or Jessica Wolf, Consultant, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. Either may be reached at (517) 373-8483. You may also contact them using their e-mail addresses. Ms. Winborne's e-mail address is winbornev@michigan.gov. Ms. Wolf's e-mail address is wolfj@michigan.gov.

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