

## How the State Made Determinations

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) under 616(a)(1)(C)(i) and 300.600(a) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires states to make determinations of performance for each *Early On*<sup>®</sup> (Part C of IDEA) service area. In Michigan, the determination is based on selected 2009-2010 data from self assessment, service provider self review, and the Michigan Compliance Information System (MI-CIS). The data used correspond to the State Performance Plan (SPP) indicators on timely service provision requirements, 45-day timeline requirements, Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) transition content requirements, and timely transition conference requirements. In addition, the state considered timely and accurate reporting requirements, fiscal audit findings, and timely correction of noncompliance when considering a service area's determination.

States are required to use the four determination categories outlined in the IDEA to evaluate each local early intervention program, which are:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of Part C;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part C;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part C; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part C.

If a service area was determined to fall into the needs assistance or needs assistance for the second year category, they were required to complete, and submit to the Michigan Department of Education, a narrative explaining how the service area was planning to come into compliance.

Michigan is committed to supporting each service area's efforts to improve results for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.