

**Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MIICC)**  
**Quick Notes**  
**May 20, 2016**

**Presentations:**

► Staff from Clinton County RESA shared information about the many projects their grant is involved with, including: *Early On* Training & Technical Assistance (EOT&TA), *Early On* Public Awareness, *Early On* Central Directory, *Early On* Center for Higher Education, *Early On* Michigan Foundation, Build Up Michigan, Clinton County Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)/Head Start Intake, GSRP and Training and Technical Assistance, and the Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) Special Project.

They developed the Office of Innovative Projects Top 10 Priorities, which are: Referral line, Faculty Support, Personnel Development, Child Find, Technical Assistance for Compliance, Systems Support/Systems Thinking, Flint Support, SSIP Data, SSIP Messaging, and #1 SSIP Evidence-Based Practices.

► Barb Schinderle shared a presentation highlighting information from Phases I and II of the SSIP. She talked about the focus of Phase III, which will involve working closely with the four pilot sites (Kalamazoo, Kent, Macomb and Marquette-Alger) and implementing strategies for improving social and emotional development outcomes for infants, toddlers and their families.

**Updates:**

**SSIP Submission**

Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 11, also known as the SSIP, was submitted on time to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Phase III has now begun and work with the four pilot sites is underway.

**APR Indicator 4**

After APRs are submitted to OSEP, federal program officers briefly review them and give states a two week grace period to respond to issues OSEP has questions about. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) was asked to explain strategies used around Indicator 4 (Family Outcomes) to ensure the survey is representative of the *Early On* population. MDE worked with Wayne State University to further explain the process of ensuring the family survey is representative of the population. APR Indicator 4 was updated and resubmitted on time.

**State Plan Approved**

OSEP approved Michigan's State Plan and it can be found on MDE's [Early On website](http://www.michigan.gov/earlyon) (www.michigan.gov/earlyon).

**Michigan Mandatory Special Education (MMSE) Special Project**

The 2013 Office of the Auditor General Report identified a finding that *Early On*-only children did not receive early intervention services as compared to children dually eligible for MMSE. Review of children's files in five intermediate school districts determined under identification of MMSE for birth to three. The field also reported difficulty in applying Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) to the birth to three population. In July 2015, the Office of Great Start/Office of Special Education worked with expert stakeholders to develop guidance on how to apply MARSE

in the Early Childhood Developmental Delay and Speech Language Impairment categories. The two documents have been developed and are currently being reviewed for completion.

Infant & Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA) Fiscal Initiative Ad Hoc Committee

The MICC ITCA Finance Initiative Ad Hoc Committee is being chaired by Deborah Canja, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS). Membership includes representatives from state and intermediate school district level *Early On* staff, Medicaid staff from both MDE and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE) Finance and Legislation Committee, Michigan's Children, *Early On* Foundation, and parents. The Committee has completed a Part C Finance Self-Assessment tool. Information from this self-assessment will be used in identifying strengths and areas for improvement in the current Part C finance infrastructure at both state and local levels. This will inform decisions about improvement plan recommendations. The committee has also reviewed early childhood funding streams listed in the *Great Start, Great Investment, Great Future* report in order to identify potential partnerships for *Early On*. Meetings have been scheduled on a monthly basis to continue the work.

**2016 MICC Meeting Dates:**

September 16, 2016	9:30-3:30	MDE, State Board Room, Lansing, MI
November 18, 2016	9:30-3:30	MDE, State Board Room, Lansing, MI

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