

**The Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)
Quick Notes
September 12, 2008**

Action Items:

- ▶ An Ad Hoc Committee to apply for the Kellogg Foundation grant was formed.
- ▶ The 2009 meeting dates for the MICC and Executive Committee were accepted:

MICC	Executive Committee
February 6, 2009	January 16, 2009
May 8, 2009	April 17, 2009
September 11, 2009	August 21, 2009
November 13, 2009	October 23, 2009

A retreat will also take place in 2009, and the date for it will be determined.

Presentations:

The Michigan Alliance for Families provides information, resources, parent support, and learning opportunities. Regional parent mentors are parents of children with special needs and have offices in five areas throughout the state. Regional parent mentors told success stories of working with some of the parents in their region who have developed leadership skills and are partnering with professionals to improve lives of children and families.

The goal of the *Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) Project* is to promote the use of an objective developmental screening tool as part of well-child care. The target population is infants and toddlers, age birth to three who are eligible for Medicaid. A pilot study was done in nine pediatric practices and data from the first six months looks promising for identifying children who are eligible for early intervention services.

Updates:

★ Determinations and Public Reporting will be complete the end of this month. A Camtasia presentation will be available on the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) website.

★ Vanessa Winborne and Julie Lagos co-presented at a conference in Baltimore in August. The workshop focused on how professionals and parents are partnering to measure child outcomes. OSEP is working on collapsing data points into one or two summary statements, which would look at the percentage of children who made movement toward progress as a result of early intervention.

★ Wayne State University was awarded the Qualitative Compliance Information Project grant as a result of the RFP process.

★ A workplan is being developed for the roll out and training of *Early On*[®] staff to use the DECA/IT. A lead person will be identified to head up this effort.

★ The CAPTA Ad Hoc Committee has been working to create a training module and manual so that when CAPTA referrals come in, there is good communication about how to correctly handle the referrals and report data. A 'Train the Trainer' workshop will take place so that local *Early On* Coordinators and Department of Human Service Supervisors are trained together and then will, in turn, provide training to their staff.

★ The Budget Ad Hoc Committee was charged by the MICC to look at fiscal priorities and to review the funding formula. Along with Council members, several stakeholders are participating on the committee. The next meeting is September 26, 2008 and the members will be looking at specific funding formula options with the help of MDE's fiscal manager.

★ Three vacancies on the MICC include seats for “Other Individuals,” “Service Provider,” and “Legislative Representative.” Council members were encouraged to share appointment applications with interested individuals.

★ The Management Team will prepare a presentation for the November MICC meeting informing members of all the different pieces to be considered for the formation of a Fund Expansion committee. Some of the aspects that will be included are Medicaid and state funding.

★ *Early On* Training and Technical Assistance is holding a faculty colloquium at Lansing Community College Friday, September 19, 2008. The colloquium will provide ideas and strategies for incorporating early intervention content into curriculum, coursework and community sites, and will also feature a keynote, workshops, and roundtable discussions.

★ The Annual *Early On* Conference will take place October 23-24, 2008 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Lee Ann Jung, from the University of Kentucky is the keynote speaker. The *Early On* Coordinator Pre-Conference day is October 22, where coordinators will discuss Determinations, data and other issues facing the system. All are invited to attend a special gathering, Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center for Sr. Barbara Cline.

2008 MICC Meetings:

Nov. 14, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. MDE, State Board of Education Room

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