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TO: *Early On®* Coordinators and Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council
               Members

FROM: Vanessa Winborne, Part C Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Michigan Part C Determination

Michigan Part C has received the 2016 Determination from the federal Office of
Special Education Programs. Our determination this year is Needs Assistance.

Several data points used in the calculation of the determinations were similar to
previous years:
- Compliance indicator data.
- Information from monitoring.
- Publicly available information, such as Special Conditions on the State's grant
  award under Part C.
- Any other issues related to State compliance with the Individuals with
  Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

This is the second year that the federal Part C determinations have also included
calculations related to child outcomes. The following data points were included in the
calculation again this year:
- Data Completeness (the percentage of exiting children with child outcome
  entry and exit data reported).
- Data Anomalies (statistically significant anomalies in child outcome data).
- Comparison of Michigan's child outcome data to child outcome data of other
  states.
- Comparison of Michigan's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 child outcome data to
  Michigan's FFY 2013 child outcome data.

Michigan scored perfectly on the data points around compliance indicators,
monitoring, publicly available information and other related State compliance with
IDEA. We had no data anomalies, so also scored perfectly on that data point.

Last year the area in which we had the greatest need for improvement was in data completeness for the child outcomes. Our data completeness rate improved this year compared to last year and therefore had less negative impact on our determination than it had last year. We do have room for continued improvement in this area, and that fact is reflected in our determination.

The comparison of Michigan's data to the data of other states fell below the 90th percentile on each data point, having some negative impact on our determination. Our data would need to fall at or above the 90th percentile on at least three of the six child outcome data points in order to score perfectly on this comparison.

Comparison of our data year-to-year had the strongest negative impact on our determination. Our data reflected statistically significant decreases on three of the six child outcome data points. One of the other three child outcome data points had a decrease and two had increases, however none of these were statistically significant. To have less impact on our determination in this area, we would need one less statistically significant decrease or at least one statistically significant increase.

The determination of Needs Assistance comes with some extra available national technical assistance. It also helps us focus efforts and resources on some areas for improvement.

Thank you for your partnership and efforts with Michigan children and their families.