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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers

**FROM:** Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

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

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce a **Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs** grant opportunity. The purpose of the grant is to create a comprehensive, integrated, responsive system of technical support for Michigan Even Start Family Literacy projects. This coordinated system will: provide Even Start projects with accurate and timely information, resources and support services focused on improving the quality of family literacy services provided by a local project; support individual projects in addressing their goals for continuous program improvement; and deliver systematic training based upon the program elements specified in federal statute. Intermediate school districts, local education agencies including public school academies, institutions of higher education, professional organizations, nonprofit organizations, and others of demonstrated experience in providing high quality training and technical assistance specific to Even Start family literacy programs, are eligible to apply for a grant.

A technical assistance webinar for this grant opportunity will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Registration for this webinar, as well as the grant instructions and application forms, are available on-line at: [www.michigan.gov/evenstart](http://www.michigan.gov/evenstart) website under "NEW." Once registered for the webinar, a confirmation e-mail with instructions will be forwarded.

Questions regarding the 2010-2011 Training and Technical Assistance for William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Programs grant may be directed to Reneé De Mars-Johnson, Supervisor and Cheryl Hall, Consultant; Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. Both may be reached at (517) 373-8483. You may also contact them using their e-mail addresses. Ms. De Mars-Johnson's e-mail address is [demars-johnsonr@michigan.gov](mailto:demars-johnsonr@michigan.gov). Ms. Hall's e-mail address is [hallc7@michigan.gov](mailto:hallc7@michigan.gov).

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