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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, Early Intervention Stakeholders, State Agencies, and Private Profit or Private or Public Nonprofit Organizations

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 **Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** competitive grant opportunity. The goal of Part C of the IDEA is to provide support to infants and toddlers under three years of age with disabilities and their families. These funds are geared toward improving the developmental outcomes of children who have disabilities and their families' capacity to enhance their growth and development. Various stakeholders are eligible to apply including school districts, public or private profit or nonprofit organizations, or institutions of higher learning.

The purpose of the **Qualitative Compliance Information Project** grant is to annually collect and analyze information and performance data necessary for reporting on the early intervention system for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. Data collected and analyzed by this grantee will provide direction and improvement targets for the early intervention system (known in Michigan as *Early On*[®]).

A technical assistance conference call will be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. Session details, as well as the grant instructions and application forms, are posted on-line at www.michigan.gov/earlyon.

Questions regarding the Qualitative Compliance Information Project grant may be directed to Vanessa Winborne, Coordinator, or Michele McManus, Consultant, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. Either may be reached at (517) 373-8483. You may also contact them using their e-mail addresses, winbornev@michigan.gov or mcmanusm@michigan.gov.

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