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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*
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SUBJECT: Grant Opportunities for Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce two Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) competitive grant opportunities. 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 family's 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.

Climb to the Top

The purpose of the Climb to the Top grant is to develop and share activities designed to improve Family Outcomes as stated in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report, Indicator 4 for Part C.

Electronic Enhancement to Individualized Family Service Plans (EE-IFSP)

The purpose of the EE-IFSP Grant is to build upon an existing, or develop, an electronic IFSP and/or enhance an existing data system to align data and paperwork while providing for stronger coordination across systems.

A preproposal webinar for these grant opportunities will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Session details, as well as the grant instructions and application forms, will be posted on line at www.michigan.gov/earlyon.

Questions regarding the Climb to the Top grant may be directed to Barb Schinderle, MDE, 517-241-2591 or schinderleb@michigan.gov; and questions regarding the EE-IFSP grant may be directed to Lisa Wasacz, MDE, 517-241-4520 or wasaczl@michigan.gov.

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