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**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

SUBJECT: Grant Opportunity for Early Childhood Education and Family Services

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce a William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program grant opportunity. The goal of the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program is to develop demonstration projects that focus on providing intensive family literacy services. These funds are geared toward improving the literacy skills of parents, helping parents become full partners in the education of their children, and assisting children in reaching their full potential as learners. A local or intermediate school district, or a public school academy, applying in partnership with a public, nonprofit, community-based agency, or institution of higher education; or nonprofit organization of demonstrated quality applying in partnership with a local education agency, is eligible to apply for a grant. Should Congress support this program in the FY 2011 appropriation, it is anticipated that funds totaling approximately \$2.3 million will be awarded to Michigan from the U.S. Department of Education, \$519,207 of which may be forwarded to new grants, once obligation to continuation grants is met.

Application technical assistance is available on the Even Start website [www.michigan.gov/evenstart](http://www.michigan.gov/evenstart) in a PowerPoint with a summary of the program, grant and application, as well as a voice-over PowerPoint presentation video highlighting the key slides within the Technical Assistance PowerPoint.

Questions regarding the 2011-2012 William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Program grant may be directed to Reneé De Mars-Johnson, Supervisor, at 517-241-0162, or Cheryl Hall, Consultant, at 517-241-4766, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services. 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).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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