

**Michigan Disabilities Council
Action Topic**

**EMPLOYMENT FIRST
Update**

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What are the specific issues the advocacy group is addressing?

Identifying resources to support Employment First initiatives in Michigan:

- Provider transformation technical assistance
- Rate reimbursement reform technical assistance
- Capacity building for employment specialists
- Support for the transition pilots

Helping the Lieutenant Governor identify the ideal oversight entity for the Employment First Executive Order.

What action is the advocacy group taking?

- Successfully reapplied for and was awarded the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program technical assistance grant for 2017; which will include provider transformation, capacity building, and rate reform technical assistance.

- Formed a subcommittee with MARO and SILC to work on a plan that can be presented to the Lieutenant Governor that helps to identify the ideal oversight entity for the Employment First Executive Order.

Council Action Requested: None at this time.

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