

Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)
Quick Notes
February 22, 2024

Action Items:

▶ The MICC voted to accept the updated data for Indicators 5 and 6 for the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR).

Presentations:

▶ Mark Kuipers shared a presentation to support the MICC's learning around understanding child outcomes and collecting and using data.

▶ Iliana Brodziak de los Reyes and Ashley Pierson presented the findings from the *Early On* Cost Study conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR). The purpose was to determine the cost of a high-quality early intervention system. The study was commissioned with funding from the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth-Five.

Updates:

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP)

- Michelle Richard is the acting director.
- MiLEAP is hiring for many positions. Job postings can be found at [Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential \(MiLeap\)](#).
- MDE remains the lead agency until July 1, 2024.
- The new federal Part C grant will be submitted under MiLEAP (due in May 2024 and effective July 1, 2024).

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

Cohort 4 is well underway! The service areas include Calhoun, Copper Country, Dickinson Iron, Eastern UP, Huron, Livingston, Marquette Alger, Van Buren, Washtenaw, and Wayne will be expanding the number of local school districts within the county. They have completed their eDECA trainings and are near completion with the Pyramid Model trainings. Community of Practice calls are occurring monthly.

A root cause analysis is being conducted to understand what barriers are keeping Michigan from improving social emotional outcomes for infants, toddlers, and families.

This year, the monthly office hours will include topics of interest to cohort members. The new title is called Topic Focused Office Hours, which take place the third Thursday of each month and are open to all cohort participants.

Four key activities are part of the SSIP work to improve social emotional outcomes for children in *Early On*:

- Training and coaching on the [Pyramid Model](#) for promoting social emotional competence in infants and young children;
- Training on the [DECA-I/T](#), as well as user privileges and an orientation to the e-DECA system. The e-DECA system provides access to electronic and printable assessments, scoring capability, DECA strategies for planning, and analysis;
- Virtual Community of Practice (CoP) meetings for *Early On* coordinators and SSIP leads to share successes and work through any barriers encountered; and
- Materials communicating the importance of social emotional development for use with families in *Early On*, including a Social Emotional Toolkit and Social Emotional Developmental Wheels.

MICC Membership

The governor's office is in the process of appointing new members to fill the vacancies for:

- Judy Goth Owens- representative for Higher Education
- Prachi Shah- represents 'other stakeholders' as a developmental pediatrician

Tori McIntosh and Lisa Perugi's terms are also up for reappointment, but they are interested in being reappointed.

Early On Conference

The *Early On* Conference, Ripples to Waves: The Power of Early Intervention will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. The preconference date is November 12, 2024, and the conference is November 13-14, 2024.

Early On Family Survey

The annual *Early On* Family Survey is conducted by Wayne State University (WSU) and will be distributed in April 2024. The Parent Involvement Committee created a flyer last year, that will be circulated again this year to help increase the response rate for all families. The family survey data is reported to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in the Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicator 4, that measures family outcomes.

Differentiated Monitoring System (DMS) 2.0 Update

The one-year period of correction for the findings issued to Michigan Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C ended mid-January. Michigan completed all required activities of correction and submitted evidence to OSEP. OSEP is conducting a review of the evidence, with anticipation of being able to close the remaining findings. A formal letter of closing will be forthcoming. A number of the improvement activities that were conducted have ongoing components which will remain a part of our ongoing system of support to, and general supervision of, local service areas.

SPP/APR Submission

The SPP/APR was due to OSEP on February 1, 2024, and was submitted ahead of time.

2024 MICC Meeting Dates:

May 23, 2024

September 26, 2024

December 5, 2024

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