

Joining Your Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)

There are 56 intermediate school districts (ISDs) in Michigan that provide *Early On*[®] services to infants, toddlers, and their families. Each ISD has a Local Interagency Coordinating Council. The LICC advises the ISD in the provision of *Early On* services to infants, toddlers, and their families. Each LICC meets a minimum of four times per year.

The LICC is made up of representatives from the ISD, the local Health and Human Services agency, Head Start programs, and parents. Parent members make up 20 percent of the LICC and must either have experience with or knowledge of *Early On*, and a child under the age of 13. There is a similar structure statewide, known as the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC). However, MICC members are appointed by the governor to advise and assist the Michigan Department of Education in matters related to *Early On*. To learn more about the MICC, please visit the [MICC web page](#). LICCs mirror the mandated MICC in concept and allow for involvement of parents, agencies, organizations, and individuals necessary to develop and maintain a coordinated early intervention service system at the local level.

Parents bring a valuable perspective to the LICC. They know how programs impact families. A large portion of the LICC meeting is spent on issues that affect families, such as budgets, grants, and services. The parent voice is crucial when making decisions around these important issues.

It is recommended best practices that everyone involved in the LICC is compensated for their time, including parents. Check with the LICC chairperson regarding reimbursement for child care and mileage, as well as time spent at the meeting. The MICC has approved the *Financial Support Document for Parents* that outlines how parents at the state level will be compensated for their time. It is suggested, but not required, that LICCs follow the guidelines or develop their own. To see the *Financial Support Document for Parents*, please visit the [MICC web page](#) and look under Member Resources.

If a parent is interested in joining the LICC, contact the ISD and ask to be put in contact with the LICC chairperson.