

Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)
Quick Notes
September 14, 2023

Action Items:

► The MICC voted to accept meeting dates for 2024. Dates are February 22, May 23, September 26, and December 5.

► The MICC recommended using Approach 2 which includes using items at and below the threshold for reporting data to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) around State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) Indicator 4.

Presentations:

► Clinton County RESA:

- Allan Knapp shared information about Part C/*Early On*[®] data, child count trends, and data profiles for reporting received services.
- Jen Champagne, Kari Holmberg, and Jenny Koenigsknecht shared information about the rebranding for *Early On* public awareness, updates to the referral website, and upcoming events and opportunities.
- Kris Kasperski was hired as the new technical assistance specialist and has over 25 years of experience in the early intervention and early childhood field.

► Wayne State University:

Charo Hulleza, Muhammad Moiz, and Luna Xuan provided an overview of the family survey data, revisited how data are reported to OSEP, and what options the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) may consider for reporting in future years.

For a copy of the presentations, please contact Barb Schinderle at schinderleb@michigan.gov.

Updates:

State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)

The SSIP work continues and is beginning Cohort 4 this fall. Invitations went out to the 33 service areas who have not yet participated in the SSIP work. An informational webinar will take place September 28, 2023 from 1-2:00 p.m.

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.

Participation in Cohort 4 is an 18-month commitment of time, energy, and resources beginning September 2023 through March 2025. Ongoing state level support will be provided after the initial time commitment.

As a result of participating in the SSIP work:

- Service providers' competence and confidence about social emotional learning has increased.
- Service providers are more comfortable talking about social emotional development and sharing strategies with families.

- e-DECA results entered online generate strategies to enhance a child’s development and support caregivers specific to the area of need. Pre and post assessments have demonstrated growth in social emotional development.
- Service areas have created infrastructure to support SSIP activities.
- After implementing activities for two years, service areas in Cohort 1 showed a statistically significant increase in child outcomes data from 2019 to 2022. The percent of infants and toddlers who were functioning within age expectations for positive social emotional skills by the time they exited *Early On* increased from 42.79% in 2019 to 49.29% in 2022.

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential

The Office of Great Start, including *Early On*, will be moving to the newly formed Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP). MiLEAP will consist of three offices.

- The Office of Early Childhood Education, focused on helping all kids meet their milestones and enter kindergarten ready to thrive.
- The Office of Higher Education, focused on achieving the governor’s sixty by 30 goal (60 percent of all adults ages 25-64 with a postsecondary credential of some sort) and helping all Michiganders get the education that they need to Make it in Michigan.
- The Office of Education Partnerships, focused on strengthening partnerships with communities to help kids succeed.

The move is expected to happen in December 2023. When the *Early On* staff learn more, this will be communicated to the MICC.

MICC Membership

The following MICC members’ terms are expiring October 31, 2023 and September is their last meeting:

- Judy Goth-Owens- representative for higher education
- Prachi Shah- represents ‘other stakeholders’ as a developmental pediatrician

The MICC is appreciative of their service and time spent on the Council. The governor’s office is in the process of appointing new members to fill the vacancies.

Tori McIntosh and Lisa Perugi’s terms also expire October 31, but they are interested in being reappointed.

Michelle Williams is stepping aside from her role as MDE’s director designee for the coordinator of education for homeless children and youth. Irma Lopez-Barajas will represent Dr. Rice in this role.

Part C Data Manager

With bittersweet feelings and much appreciation, we share with you that the Part C Data Manager, Dr. Allan Knapp, will be retiring at the end of September. Allan’s contributions to the early intervention system are significant as he was responsible for the development of the first database for special education and Part C of IDEA in Michigan, called Michigan Compliance Information System (MICIS). He also developed EETRK specifically for Part C/*Early On* coordinators to help with tracking and management of child information. Allan supported the *Early On* field as we transitioned to using the Michigan School Data System for data collection and reporting. Allan helpfully shared his expertise with MDE, technical assistance providers, local data managers, *Early On* coordinators, and personnel in the field through regular data webinars and conversations and initiatives on systems improvements, always with a smile and a good joke to share. Allan earned his Ph.D. in Systems Science from Michigan State University and is known as Zoomer to his grandchildren. We wish him well in his retirement!

Although Allan will be greatly missed, the Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education is pleased to announce Colleen O’Connor has accepted the

responsibilities of the Part C data manager. Most of you know Colleen because of her work as one of our MDE consultants. She will continue to work in the Office of Great Start, but her responsibilities will shift primarily to data management. Colleen has a wealth of experience with both the *Early On* programs and data, therefore, making her a perfect candidate to step into this role. Under her leadership and understanding of the *Early On* data, we will continue to improve supports and outcomes for children and families across Michigan.

2023 MICC Meeting Dates:

Thursday, November 9

Quick notes are submitted by Barb Schinderle, MICC staff liaison for MDE/Office of Great Start. For more information regarding any of the meeting items, please contact Barb at schinderleb@michigan.gov.