The Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC) is a Governor-appointed board of stakeholders charged with advising and assisting the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in matters related to Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), in Michigan known as *Early On*. Stakeholders are appointed by the Governor and represent the following constituency groups:

- Five parents of infants, toddlers, or children with disabilities less than 13 years old at the time of appointment with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities. At least one of the members appointed under this paragraph shall be a parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a child with a disability less than seven years old at the time of appointment.
- Five individuals representing public or private providers of early intervention services. "Early intervention services" is defined under Section 632(4) of IDEA, 20 USC 1432(4).
- One individual representing the Michigan Legislature.
- One individual representing Head Start programs.
- One individual representing individuals involved in personnel preparation.
- Three individuals selected by the Governor. A member appointed under this paragraph may include a representative of a tribal government located within this state.
- The State Superintendent, or the designee from within MDE.
- The Director of the Department of Community Health, or his or her designee from within the Department of Community Health.
- The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee from within the Department of Human Services.
- The Commissioner of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services, or the designee from within the Department of Financial and Insurance Services.
- The Director of the Office of the Coordinator of Education for Homeless Children and Youth within MDE, or the designee from within the Office of the Coordinator of Education for Homeless Children and Youth.

The MICC has the following openings:

- an individual representing public or private providers of early intervention services
- a parent representative
- a tribal government representative

The MICC meets four times a year in Lansing and the membership terms are four years.

Being part of the MICC is fun! Members are involved in state initiatives; can participate on subcommittees; be part of conversations with other members, staff and state grantees; attend national conferences; share their knowledge; and effect change. Mileage reimbursements are available to all members and stipends are available to parent members for their time and child care expenses.

If interested in applying for an appointment, fill out an application online: <u>Appointments</u> (<u>michigan.gov</u>)

To learn more about the MICC, please visit the website: <u>www.michigan.gov/micc</u> or contact Barb Schinderle, MICC Staff Liaison, <u>schinderleb@michigan.gov</u>.