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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 24, 2021

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Deputy Superintendent
P-20 System and Student Transitions 

SUBJECT: Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process and Data Manuals

The federal regulations that implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) at §303.702 and §300.602 require states to adequately measure performance in the priority areas established by the U.S. Department of Education (USED) within the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) for Part C, *Early On*[®] Michigan (birth to three years old) and Part B, early childhood special education.

As part of the SPP/APR, states are required to report child outcomes that measure the percent of infants and toddlers with individual family service plans and preschool children with individualized education plans who demonstrate improved:

1. positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
2. acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication and early literacy for preschool); and
3. use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

The child outcomes summary (COS) allows early intervention and early childhood special education programs to synthesize information about children by utilizing assessment tools to produce data that can be summarized across programs in the state and reported to USED's Office of Special Education Programs.

The following guidance documents have been created to support the COS process and data collection in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS):

1. [Birth through Five \(0-5\) Child Outcomes Summary Process Manual](#)
2. [Michigan Early On Child Outcomes Summary Data Manual](#)

We truly appreciate your efforts to improve results for young children with disabilities and support their families and look forward to continuing our work with you. Please feel free to contact staff in the Office of Great Start, B-5 Early Childhood Special Education Unit at MDE-EARLY-ON@michigan.gov if you have questions.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance
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