

**Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)
Quick Notes
September 3, 2020**

Action Items:

▶ The MICC approved meeting dates for 2021: February 4, May 6, September 9, and November 4.

Information:

▶ A presentation was given by Clare Brick for [The Michigan Alliance for Families](#). Clare gave a virtual tour of their website, talked about the current trainings, a four-week IEP course for families, and the work to connect local parent leaders with state parent leaders.

▶ The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) shared feedback with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) around the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP), which was positive and highlighted the work with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the engagement of stakeholders. The focus of the SSIP during the pandemic has been around universal supports to the field around social emotional development.

▶ Interagency sharing around COVID-19 supports took place. Information was shared by MDE, MDHHS, Head Start, Michigan Hands and Voices, DeafBlind Central, and MICC parent Kristina Donaldson. More details can be found in the MICC minutes.

Updates:

Data Ad Hoc Committee

The Data Ad Hoc Committee has met three times and is continuing to work on the recommendation of targets for the Annual Performance Report (APR) Results Indicators for the next six years. Due to the uncertainty related to COVID-19, the committee is planning to revisit the targets regularly to ensure they are attainable and rigorous. Recommended targets completed to date are Indicators 5 and 6 (child find) and 2 (natural environments).

Established Conditions Ad Hoc Committee

The first meeting of this committee is September 10, 2020. More updates will be shared at the next MICC meeting.

MICC Member's Terms expiring October 31, 2020

- Anne K. Blankenhorn, representing Michigan Legislature
- Cheryl Granzo, public or private provider of early intervention services representative
- Stephanie Peters, representing other individuals
- Deana Strudwick, public or private provider of early intervention services representative

New appointments and/or reappointments are underway with the governor's office. Stephanie Peters and Anne Blankenhorn will not reapply and the council thanked them for their time and wished them well.

Section 54e - The Play Project

In December 2019, a supplemental budget bill (Public Act 162, Section 54e) was approved and signed for a 2019-2020 allocation to fund the creation of a pilot program to train *Early On* providers in the components of evidence-based parent-implemented models of intervention for the treatment of autism. Specifically, statute requires the following:

- Train at least 60 *Early On* providers in the components of evidence-based parent-implemented models of intervention for the treatment of autism; and
- Promote a "parent-implemented model of intervention" meaning a model in which parents directly utilize individually developmentally appropriate intervention practices with their children to increase the social abilities of children with autism.

The lead agency for Michigan's Parent-Implemented Model of Intervention for the Treatment of Autism award is MDE, Office of Great Start (OGS)/Early Childhood Development and Family Education. The MDE procurement office partnered with OGS and a panel of content experts to complete an evaluation of the responses to the request for proposals and through

this process recommended an award to Richard Solomon MD, PLC in the amount of \$315,000.

In July and August, marketing materials were developed and 31 intermediate school districts (ISDs) were selected for recruitment based on social emotional child outcomes and family outcomes. The marketing materials and the link to the application were sent to the selected ISDs to explain both the PLAY Project and the certification process. The deadline for submitting applications for certification is September 10, 2020. After the deadline, 60 providers will be selected for certification and the training will be provided in three cohorts starting in September. For more information please contact Laura Goldthwait at goldthwaitl@michigan.gov.

Part C Determinations from OSEP

Michigan Part C has received the 2020 Determination from OSEP which is Needs Assistance. The following data points were used in the calculation of the determination:

- Compliance indicator performance data
- Timely correction of identified noncompliance
- Timely and accurate state-reported data
- Publicly available information, such as Special Conditions on the State's grant award under Part C
- Any other issues related to State compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Data Completeness (the percentage of exiting children with child outcome entry and exit data reported)
- Data Anomalies (statistically significant anomalies in child outcome data)
- Comparison of Michigan's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 child outcome data to FFY 2018 child outcome data of other states
- Comparison of Michigan's FFY 2018 child outcome data to Michigan's FFY 2017 child outcome data

The determination of Needs Assistance comes with available national technical assistance. It also helps us focus efforts and resources on some areas for improvement.

Due to Michigan Part C receiving the determination of Needs Assistance for two consecutive years, OSEP has advised us of available sources of technical assistance that may help to address the areas in which we need assistance. In the FFY 2019 SPP/APR, to be submitted February 1, 2021, we must report on the technical assistance sources from which we have received assistance and the actions taken as a result of that technical assistance. The actions we take will involve work with local service areas on improvement activities.

For more information, see the memo from Noel Kelty, director of OGS/Early Childhood Development and Family Education, included in the MICC packet.

Office of Great Start Update

Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht shared that the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five work, being led by Joy Milano, is moving along nicely. A focus at MDE, called [Path Forward](#), is aimed at improving outcomes for children with disabilities.

2020 MICC Meeting Dates:

November 5, 2020

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