

**Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC)**  
**Quick Notes**  
**September 9, 2021**

**Action Items:**

► The MICC approved meeting dates for 2022: February 10, May 12, September 8, and November 3. Currently, all meetings are scheduled from 9:30 am to 12 pm.

**Presentations:**

► Michelle Williams shared a brief overview of homelessness in Michigan and some data. Homelessness is a trauma producing event, especially for young children. There are many causes of homelessness, including loss of employment, lack of affordable housing, addiction, mental health issues, foreclosure on a home, poverty, abuse/neglect, fire or disaster, and domestic violence.

It is a dire situation for children experiencing homelessness and they are negatively affected in many ways, such as lower scores on statewide assessments, chronic absenteeism, higher suspension and expulsion rates, and lower graduation rates. Approximately 2,274 children age birth to five are homeless.

The McKinney-Vento Act provides assistance to people experiencing homelessness. Over 90 percent of Michigan school districts participate with the McKinney-Vento Grant Consortia. To find out more or to contact your local liaison, visit [www.michigan.gov/homeless](http://www.michigan.gov/homeless). The website also contains information about the Early Childhood Homeless Task force at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE).

► Allan Knapp, Michigan Part C data manager, shared information about *Early On*<sup>®</sup> data, impacts of COVID on data, and available resources. Data are collected three times per year and can be found at [www.earlyondata.com](http://www.earlyondata.com). This website provides data profiles for each collection, service area rankings by Annual Performance Report (APR) Indicators, federal 618 reports, and other public reports.

*Early On* data were impacted by COVID in many areas, including:

- Number of children with an IFSP;
- Number of children exiting;
- Timely start of services;
- Timely initial IFSP; and
- Timely transitions.

Additional resources:

- IDEA Data Center has a wealth of information about national data and resources ([www.ideadata.org](http://www.ideadata.org))
- *Early On* data for local service areas and state level data ([www.earlyondata.com](http://www.earlyondata.com))
- MI School Data Portal for all school districts across the state ([www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org))

To join the data group listserv and keep up to date about all things data, contact Allan Knapp at [allangknapp@gmail.com](mailto:allangknapp@gmail.com).

**Updates:**

**Part C Determination from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)**

Michigan Part C has received the 2021 determination from OSEP which is "Meets Requirements."

Michigan received a score of 81.25 percent for its 2021 federal determination performance rating on meeting the requirements and outcomes of IDEA, Part C for the 2019-2020 program year. This score represents a 3.55 percentage point increase from a score of 77.7 percent for the previous program year. The threshold for a determination of "Meets Requirements" is 80 percent.

For more information about Michigan's determination, see the memo from Dr. Noel Kelty, director of Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education, included in the MICC packet.

### **State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP)**

Service providers in the SSIP Implementation Cohort continue to implement the e-DECA and use the social emotional developmental wheels with children and families.

The third quarter of fidelity checklists for the e-DECA have been completed and the number of children entered into the e-DECA system continues to increase. Preliminary data show positive trends for children who have had two e-DECA assessments completed, meaning their scores around protective factors have increased in the areas of Initiative, Self-Control, and Attachment.

The SSIP leads continue to meet monthly during the Community of Practice calls with Mary Mackrain, Kelly Hurshe, and Barb Schinderle to talk about bright spots and pain points. They also participate in live demonstrations related to the e-DECA and are learning how to run reports to examine their data. In addition, office hours are being offered twice a month for deeper questions and technical assistance.

The next step is to invite new service areas to be part of Cohort 2 and begin working with them in November to implement the Pyramid Model training, e-DECA training, and introduce the social emotional wheels. Additionally, within the current cohort, we plan to expand to additional service providers, children, and families to increase social emotional outcomes within the current cohort.

### **Preschool Development Grant, Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Grant**

Transitions project: The contractor for this work is the Yaffe Group, with ECIC. Yaffe has been reaching out to gather information about transitions. They are learning what is important, what do families need to know, how can we help children and families, and do people within the early childhood system to understand transitions.

MI-AIMH Endorsement: PDG B-5 is supporting 200 early childhood professionals to receive the MI-AIMH Infant Family Associate Endorsement free of charge. This includes no charge for the certification process, coaching support from MI-AIMH with navigating that process, free live online courses that will provide the competencies needed to complete the endorsement, and two years of membership to MI-AIMH. As of July 26, there were 230 people who had expressed interest and/or started the endorsement process.

### **Membership Update**

The following MICC members' terms are expiring October 31, 2021, and today is their last meeting:

- Kristina Donaldson, parent representative;
- Stuart Jones, Head Start representative;
- Laura McKechnie, representative for Tribal Government; and
- Karin Nanos, service provider.

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.

### **2021 MICC Meeting Dates:**

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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