

UPDATES

Office of Special Education Michigan Department of Education April 2014

WHAT'S NEW?

Finance

Flowthrough

- 2014-15 Application anticipated to be available May 1, 2014
- 2013-14 Interim Federal Expenditure Report (IFER1) anticipated to be available June 1, 2014

Preschool

- 2014-15 Application anticipated to be available May 1, 2014

Enhancing Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (EOSD) Grant

- 2014-15 Application anticipated to be available June 1, 2014

Transition Grant

- 2014-15 Application anticipated to be available May 1, 2014

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- Audits:
 - **U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) auditors still auditing MI Medicaid SBS**—The audit process began in October 2013, and currently continues. The Medicaid staff may be asked for basic program, legislative, regulatory and background documents, published policy, etc. They have chosen Ingham ISD and Wayne RESA as ISDs to also audit but have not begun that step.
 - **MI Medicaid audits by John Lambert**—ongoing. Audits are done every 2-4 ISDs/year, and results are published online. When these began, they were to be 'informational' and 'educational', but at the March 25 state Medicaid Implementer meeting, the ISDs were informed Medicaid plans to take back money from ISDs with an error rate over 15% and is developing more details of this new policy that is proposed to be retroactive to 2009. At this time there are 3 ISDs with that error rate. Once Medicaid provides more information, Jane Reagan will share with you.
- **Upcoming meetings, Medicaid SBS Implementers: May 20, 2014: CANCELLED. September 30, 2014; January 13, 2015; March 24, 2015. All these are from 1:00**

p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ingham ISD, and access is available via phone for audio and web connections.

- **Maintaining current email list:** be sure to inform Jane Reagan of staff changes so she can keep her email list current: ReaganJ@michigan.gov

Low Incidence Outreach

- **Camp Tuhsmebeta Summer Camps** - The Michigan Department of Education-Low Incidence Outreach is sponsoring summer camp programming for children and youth with visual impairments. Camp Tuhsmebeta, located near Greenville, Michigan, is a rustic, outdoor camp setting offering hiking, canoeing, rock-climbing, archery, and much more. Participants will not forget the wonderful time they have at Camp T meeting new friends, singing songs by the campfire, discovering new skills and creating memories lasting a lifetime. Parents and teachers, please consider registering your student for one of our sessions this summer. The cost of registration is \$25.00. Scholarships are available through MDE-LIO. Transportation may be provided based on needs.
- **SUMMER 2014 CAMP SESSIONS**
 - Session #1: Regional Camp**
Wednesday, June 18 – Saturday, June 21, 2014
 - Session #2: Regional Camp**
Sunday, June 22 – Wednesday, June 25, 2014
 - Session #3: LIO Jr. Camp** (Open to ages 8-10 year olds only)
Tuesday, August 12 – Thursday, August 14, 2014
 - Session #4: LIO Sr. Camp** (Open to ages 11+ year olds)
Friday, August 15 – Monday, August 18, 2014
- **CAMPER REGISTRATION**
If you are interested in registering your child/student, please go to <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/News/tabid/392/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/689/Camp-Tuhsmebeta-Summer-Camps.aspx> and reserve a spot today! Space is limited. Scholarships are available by contacting MDE-LIO at 888-760-2206 or visiting LIO's [scholarship page](http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/VisualImpairmentServices/Scholarships.aspx) at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/VisualImpairmentServices/Scholarships.aspx>.
- **Helpful Documents for Use with DHH Students** - MDE-LIO has created, in collaboration with local district/ISD DHH staff, the following documents for use with DHH students:
 - **Secondary Transition document:** <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=tDSfnxaj-7w%3d&tabid=1981>
 - **Early Childhood document:** <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2WjqEYA1WQU%3d&tabid=1981>

Upcoming Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Testing:

- April 30, 2014 (Wednesday) - Kalamazoo RESA
 - May 9, 2014 (Friday) - Oakland ISD
 - May 16, 2014 (Friday) - Kent ISD, GR
 - June 9, 2014 (Monday) - Oakland ISD
 - June 27, 2014 (Friday) - LIO, Lansing
 - For more information regarding EIPA, please visit <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/DeafandorHardofHearingServices/EducationalInterpreterInformation/EducationalInterpreterAssessment/EIPAPerformanceAssessment.aspx>
- May 31, 2014 - "Let's Get Outside and Play" Outdoor Recreation Open House at Camp Tuhsmeheeta - Greenville <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/888/Default.aspx>

Early Childhood – ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619)

- Data for Indicator B-6: Preschool Educational Environments (ages 3-5) will be available in the April 15th workbook for the first time this year. Results Transmittals are not expected for Indicator B-6.
- Data for Indicator B-7 Preschool Child Outcomes will be available in the April 15th workbook. Results Transmittals are expected for any local district that did not meet all six state targets.

HOT TOPICS

- Notification of Significant Disproportionality will be sent to districts on April 25, 2014.
 - A technical assistance meeting for identified districts will be held on Friday, May 30th in Lansing.
- Published in the March 25, 2014 Federal Register is a notification of the 30-day comment period for the Proposed FFY 2013-2018 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report. The Docket No. is ED-2013-ICCD-0047.

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been a partner agency with the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) federal grant since the first award in 2002** and many renewals since. One outstanding product of the grant is a series of FREE online,

self-paced trainings that offer continuing education credits to a wide variety of professionals. The modules are: TBI and substance abuse (just released March 2014) pediatric TBI; adult TBI; and a general overview of TBI and publicly-funded services. All are at this link: www.MITBItraining.org

- The current Michigan TBI grant funding expires May 31, 2014 and MDE participated in writing a new grant application submitted in March 2014, that emphasizes services for special populations, including youth.
- Another excellent resource for TBI questions and assistance is the Brain Injury Association of Michigan— www.BIAMI.org the website is loaded with information, including prevention tips for educators and professional development opportunities.

- **Low Incidence Outreach Learning Opportunities**

- May 1, 2014 - Power Hour: Bilateral Cochlear Implants - Pre-Operative and What to do after Activation – Webinar
<http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/869/Default.aspx>
- May 1-2, 2014 - Michigan Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (MAER) Annual Conference – Livonia
<http://www.afb.org/afbpress/community.asp?EventID=3601>
- May 20-21, 2014 - Basic BrailleNote Training – Adrian <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/News/tabid/392/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/687/Basic-BrailleNote-Class-is-now-forming-in-Adrian-for-Teachers-Paraprofessionals-and-Parents-of-Students-with-a-Visual-Impairment.aspx>
- **On-demand regional Braille and adaptive technology classes are available.** Please see the MDE-LIO website @ <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org> for more information regarding MDE-LIO workshops and classes.

- **Early Childhood Special Education;** ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619) has several *face-to-face trainings* scheduled for Child Outcomes 0-5 Training: *Early On* and *Preschool Special Education*. Additional information and registration may be found at <http://eotta.ccsesa.org/Training.php?Cat=2&ID=43>
- If you need to complete the online training on Preschool Childhood Outcomes, the training is available at <http://eotta.ccsesa.org/Training.php?cat=21>
- **Early Childhood Special Education;** ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619) has an **online training** to assist in understanding the Indicator B-7 Preschool Child Outcomes data

reports that will be emailed in December. This free online training is available at <http://eotta.ccrea.org/News.php?ID=216>

- **Early On® Part C of IDEA** - *Early On®* will hold its first book study with the nationally renowned Lynda Cook Pletcher and Naomi Younggren, the authors of *The Early Intervention Workbook: Essential Practices for Quality Services*. Lynda Pletcher was recently in Michigan and provided three separate one-day sessions on the Primary Provider model for early intervention service delivery. The book study will provide in-depth technical assistance to the participants on the primary provider model. Ten *Early On* Service Areas have been selected to participate in the book study with the national technical assistance experts. The book study will involve periodic conference calls and activities. The study will start in April, ending in October.