

UPDATES

Office of Special Education Michigan Department of Education June 2014

WHAT'S NEW?

Publications

- State Performance Plan/Annual Public Reporting has now been updated with the most recent Annual Performance Data and is available to the public on the MI School Data website at <https://www.mischooldata.org/>
- Assistive Technology Guide: Michigan Department of Education-Low Incidence Outreach announces: The *Michigan Assistive Technology Guidelines for Teachers of the Blind and Visually Impaired* is an expanded document based on the Michigan Educational Technology Standards (METS) that specifically guides teachers of students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 who are blind or have a visual impairment, with assistive technology. These guidelines follow the six key concepts of the METS:
 - Operations and Concepts
 - Creativity and Innovation
 - Communication and Collaboration
 - Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
 - Research and Information Technology

<http://mde-lio.cenmi.org>

Data Collection

- June 30: Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) 2014 End-of-Year (EOY) Collection certification deadline.
- June 30: Registry of Educational Personnel (REP) End-of-Year Collection submission deadline.
- The Special Education data on the Michigan School Data website is not the official child count.
- July 1, 2014: The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) will remove all 2012-2013 school year data from the staging area. If you wish to save/download any data, please do so by June 30, 2014. For help, contact CEPI Support 517-335-0505 and select option 3.

Monitoring

- The monitoring team completed 16 on-site visits this monitoring cycle. Many of the findings were related to the REED or IEP participants.
- No on-site visits were conducted for B-5 (educational environments). Data alert letters will be issued in the August 2014 Workbook.
- Please review the Reports page carefully in the August 2014 Workbook and be aware that a new letter may be there regarding B-5 data.

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- The Medicaid School Based Services staff have been discussing the possibility of hosting an educational **statewide one-day conference devoted exclusively to the Michigan School Based Services** program. On May 22, a survey was sent to all the ISDs asking for program ideas, date preferences and budget limits. Proposed dates were Fridays in August: the 15th or the 22nd. As soon as details are set, we will let you know.
- Dates for future quarterly Medicaid School Based Services Implementer meetings have been set for the 2014-15 school year. All are held at Ingham ISD from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and are on these dates: **September 30, 2014; January 13, 2015; March 24, 2015**. Be sure to share these dates with your staff and mark your calendars.

Early Childhood

- Early Intervention; Early On® Part C of IDEA - The Early On application for funds is due July 1, 2014, in the Michigan Education Grants System. If you have questions, please contact your Early On Consultant for assistance.
- Early Childhood Special Education; ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619) - Special Education: Preschool applications are due in MEGS+ by July 1, 2014.
- Early Childhood Special Education; ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619) 2014-2015 allocations are posted at www.michigan.gov/ecse

Michigan Special Education Reference (MI-SER)

- OSEP Letters
 - Letter to Chief State School Officers, LEA Maintenance of Effort, March 13, 2014
 - Letter to Breton, Use of Electronic Mail, March 21, 2014

HOT TOPICS

- The OSEP has finalized and disseminated the Part B State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report reporting requirements. Details to be shared in August.
- The Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health, noting 3 years ago that Michigan ranks worst in the country for its school nurse-to-student ratio, created a **School Nurse Shortage Task Force**. Consisting of ~30 stakeholders from across the State, the group has gathered data (most difficult), set priorities, agreed on models for school nurse practice to adapt to any district, and developed a plan that will increase the number of school nurses in Michigan. Jane Reagan from our office is one of several MDE staff who are members of this task force. She invites MAASE members to visit its website for more information. <http://www.mischoolnursetaskforce.org/>
- The OSE Fall Forum will be collaborating and joining with the Office of School Improvement Conference on November 17 and 18, 2014 at the Lansing Center. **SAVE THE DATE! Fall 2014 School Improvement Conference (Please note date change from original Fall Forum)**
 - Featuring the following topics:
 - Instructional Practices Across the Content Area
 - Educator Effectiveness
 - School Culture and Climate
 - Assessment for Learning
 - Special Education

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- The Michigan Medicaid agency will be sponsoring a first-ever one-day statewide school based services (SBS) conference. Scheduled for all day (8am to 4pm) Friday, August 22, 2014 in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge, program details are being finalized. Invitees will likely be your Medicaid coordinators at the ISD and LEA levels, business officials, special education directors, and others working in the SBS Medicaid program. There will be a nominal cost to attend and pre-registration will be required. More details will be available soon.
- MDE-LIO has created, in collaboration with local district/ISD, Deaf and Hard of Hearing (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>

- MDE-LIO sponsored Professional Development Opportunities and services for DHH professionals. Upcoming EIPA testing dates:
 - June 9th at Oakland Schools
 - June 27th at MDE-LIO
 - July 18th at Traverse Bay Area ISD
 - July 23rd at Kalamazoo RESA
 - August 8th at Traverse Bay Area ISD
 - August 13th at Kent ISD
 - September 4th at Kent ISD
 - September 26th at MDE-LIO

- **American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI)**
 - The MDE-LIO offers the Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI) to students who are deaf/hard of hearing and the staff who work directly with these students at no cost. As of April 1st, 2014, MDE-LIO is now offering the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) in place of the SLPI for adults who work with students who are deaf/hard of hearing in K-12 or post-secondary educational programs as well as for students who are deaf/hard of hearing over age 16 who would like a college reportable score. For all other students who are deaf/hard of hearing enrolled in district or ISD level educational programming, the SLPI (modified) will still be administered.

- Please see our website for more details or to sign up for any of these opportunities. <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services.aspx>

- **Camp T summer camps**
 - MDE-LIO is offering two great opportunities to meet other teachers and specialists in the Visually Impaired field while learning how expanded core curriculum can be embedded within a camp setting! Earn credits while having fun in the outdoors at Camp Tuhsmehta! Training will include topics difficult to teach in a traditional school setting such as laundry, cooking skills, recreation/leisure and home repair.
 - **Expanded Core Camp I** - June 19-20, 2014
 - **Expanded Core Camp II** - June 23-24, 2014
 - SIGN UP BY CONTACTING MDE-LIO TODAY - 888-760-2206

- **A Braille Class is Now Forming in Lapeer**
 - A regional on-demand Braille Class is now being formed in Lapeer, Michigan for teachers, parents, and other personnel who work with students with visual impairments. This class is scheduled to meet at Chatfield Charter School (231 Lake Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446) on Tuesday's beginning July 8, 2014. More information is available at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/News/tabid/392/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/692/A-Braille-Class-is-Now-Forming-in-Lapeer.aspx>

- **Get Connected by Being Unplugged at Camp Tuhsmeheeta**
 - Camp Tuhsmeheeta is hosting **Expanded Core Camps** this summer from June 18-June 21 and June 22-June 25. The camps are planned for students with visual impairments between the ages of 10 and 18. Camp Tuhsmeheeta's expanded core camps embed valuable expanded core curriculum workshops such as "Life in the Kitchen," "Inside-Out: Making Sense out of Laundry," "Uh Oh: Home Maintenance" into a traditional camp program. Students will have fun learning new skills while still enjoying living and playing at one of the most well-known Visually Impaired camp settings in the state. Campers will enjoy swimming, canoeing, rock-climbing, Storywalks ®, campfires and so much more. Transportation from convenient pick up points is available. The registration cost has been reduced to \$5.00 per camper with scholarships still available. Sign up today for Camp Tuhsmeheeta at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events.aspx> and search for "camps". Have a child between the ages of 8-10 with a visual impairment? Consider signing up for our **Jr. Camp** from August 12-14. If between 10 and 18, sign up for **Sr. Camp** from August 16-18. We are going to have a great time unplugging and getting connected together! Register today!

- **Camp Chris Williams is back for 2014!**
 - When: August 19th-24th
 - For: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth, Ages 8-16
 - Cost: \$400
 - Location: Camp Tuhsmeheeta in Greenville, Michigan

Registration:

- Deadline: July 1st
 - \$100 deposit required at time of registration
 - Forms will soon be available at www.michdhh.org
 - Partial Scholarships may be available. (Deposit is still required along with a financial aid request submitted at the time of registration.)
- 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.ccreesa.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.ccreesa.org/Training.php?cat=21>