

UPDATES

Office of Special Education Michigan Department of Education June 2015

WHAT'S NEW?

Finance

2015-16 Federal Application Due Dates:

Part B, Section 611, Flowthrough	July 1, 2015
Part B, Section 619, Preschool	July 20, 2015
Enhancing Opportunities for Students with Disabilities (EOSD)	July 1, 2015
Transition Coordination Grant	July 1, 2015

Interim Financial Report (IFER) Due Dates:

2014-15 IFER 1	August 29, 2015
2013-14 IFER 2	August 29, 2015

- The Transition Coordination Grant Application –There are no changes to the application or the process for completion and submission. The only change is that the OSE will be responsible for reviewing the application, budget, and program design. For questions regarding the Transition Coordination Grant Application, contact Scott Slater, OSE at 517-335-1662 or SlaterS4@michigan.gov
- You can find the latest Public School Academy Updates on the Michigan Department of Education website under the Education Improvement and Innovation office, Public School Academies. www.michigan.gov/mde

Monitoring

- The Spring Focused Monitoring Cycle has been completed. Areas monitored were B-5 (Educational Environments) and GSM (General Supervision Monitoring). A total of 24 local districts had On-site visits.
- The electronic CIMS (Continuous Improvement Monitoring System) redesign process continues.

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

The next meetings of the Medicaid Implementers are:

- **The second annual Michigan SBS Statewide Conference on Monday and Tuesday, August 17-18, 2015 (1.5 days) in Traverse City** at the Great Wolf Lodge. Medicaid covers the costs of registration and meals during the Conference. Hotel room discount group rate is \$75/nite for Monday and Tuesday. Jane recommends you send a couple

members or your staff to this important learning opportunity. Ideally the ISD Medicaid coordinator and a member of the business office, but use your judgement based on your district's staff resources. Registration opened on May 20th and is available at this link: <https://events.mphi.org/school-based-services-conference/>

- **Mark your calendars** with these quarterly meetings of the Implementers for 2015-16, all with phone and web access for your staff who cannot attend, (for the audio and powerpoint slides). Each meeting is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ingham ISD in Mason:
 - **September 29, 2015**
 - **January 12, 2016**
 - **March 15, 2016**
 - **June 7, 2016**
- **To remain informed:** Please let Jane Reagan know of Medicaid staff/personnel changes in your district for her email list. Simply contact her (ReaganJ@michigan.gov) with info about who has left, who has arrived, the title and contact information

Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)

- The Unified English Braille Code (UEB) Workshop, sponsored by Low Incidence Outreach, was held on May 13th and 14th. Over 150 professionals attended the workshop where they learned the new Braille code, which will be implemented nationwide on January 4, 2016. For more information on the Unified English Braille code (UEB) and Michigan's implementation plan visit our website at www.mdelio.org.
- The *Michigan Consortium for Teacher Endorsement for Visual Impairment and Deaf and Hard of Hearing* was created to address teacher shortages in blind/visual impairment (VI) and deaf and hard of hearing (DHH). The Consortium has agreements with universities around the country to deliver an online program resulting in a Michigan endorsement in either VI or DHH. Partial tuition reimbursement is available to students who are certified teachers in Michigan and eligible for the program. If you know of general education or special education teachers looking to expand their career opportunities please let them know of this opportunity. New students are always welcome. More information about the consortium may be found at www.mictp.org or by contacting Roxanne Balfour at balfourr@michigan.gov or Collette Bauman at baumanc@michigan.gov for the VI program or Joanne Winkelman at winkelmanj@michigan.gov for the DHH program.

Michigan Special Education Reference (MI-SER)

- There's a new look to the MI-SER. Check it out at www.michigan.gov/ose-eis.

Early Childhood

Office of Great Start - *Early On*[®]

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- 2015-2016 *Early On* Applications are due July 1, 2015. Intermediate school districts submit requests for funds via the MEGS+ system.
- 2013-2014 Public Reports of the performance of each local *Early On* service area can be found at the *Early On* website www.Michigan.gov/earlyon and the MI School Data portal under Special Education, Annual Performance Reports.

Office of Great Start - Early Childhood Special Education

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- 2015-2016 Preschool Special Education Applications are due July 1, 2015, for intermediate school districts to submit for Preschool Special Education. The Preschool Special Education application is now live on the MEGS+ system.

Indicator B-6 Educational Environments

- U.S. Department of Education (ED) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) just released a proposed joint ED/HHS policy statement on inclusion of young children with disabilities in high-quality early childhood programs. Comments on this proposed joint policy statement were accepted through May 22. The policy statement may be located at <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/osers/2015/05/including-young-children-with-disabilities-in-high-quality-early-childhood-programs/>

Indicator B-7 Preschool Child Outcomes

- Data and information related to Preschool Child Outcomes may continue to be submitted into local data systems as well as entered into Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) for the end of year (EOY) collection.

Indicator B-12 Transition

- Office of Great Start is accepting ideas for data quality alerts that would be helpful to the field to increase understanding in how to improve data collection through MSDS. If you have an idea please email Lisa at wasaczL@michigan.gov.

HOT TOPICS

- The FFY 2013 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report: Indicators 1 through 16 and Indicator 17: State Systemic Improvement Plan have been posted to the OSE website.

- Public Reporting on the performance of each local education agency on the targets established in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report for Indicators 1 through 14 are available at the MI School Data Portal.
- Significant Disproportionality warning letters will be posted to the next CIMS Workbook. Warning letters are for districts with at least one year of a risk ratio >3.0 in either over-identification or educational environments.

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **6/17/2015** - Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Written Test will be provided **in Michigan** on June 17, 2015, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Bloomfield Hills High School (formerly Lahser High School), 3456 Lahser Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Interpreters can register at <http://www.classroominginterpreting.org>
- **6/19/2015** - Duxbury "Tricks of the Trade" Using Duxbury Braille Translator (DBT), sponsored by MDE-LIO and presented by Jan Carroll, will offer participants information on using DBT as it pertains to the Unified English Braille Code. For more information visit MDE-LIO's BVI Events page at <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events>.
- **6/26-28/2015** - Family Weekend at Camp T - The Michigan Department of Education, Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO) is teaming up with Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (MPVI) to sponsor the Family Weekend at Camp T. All families who have a child with a visual impairment are welcome to attend. Families will enjoy canoeing, rock climbing, swimming and other outdoor recreational activities in a natural camp setting. Campers will have opportunities to relax by campfires, make meals, hike trails, and enjoy new friends at this great weekend getaway! Families are encouraged to bring their own RV or tents if interested. <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/family-weekend-camp-t>
- **8/10-14/2015** - Explore Our World Camp - Through sweeping hands and canes, students ages 10-18 will discover a world within their reach at Camp T. Students will explore a world rich with opportunities to push themselves beyond what they ever thought possible! With expanded core curriculum activities embedded in a natural camp environment, campers will learn valuable life skills while still having a great time in the outdoors. Explore Our World Camp is designed to be a challenging, adventure-based camp experience led by knowledgeable teachers and outdoor education professionals both sighted and visually impaired. <https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/explore-our-world-camp>