

UPDATES

Office of Special Education Michigan Department of Education February 2015

WHAT'S NEW?

Data Collection

- The combined State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) has been submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) for Indicators 1-16.
 - The new online system GRADS360 is now the repository of the SPP/APR.
 - There are new results indicator targets for FFY 2013 – FFY 2018.
 - The FFY 2013 SPP/APR will be posted in March using the historical format.
 - The State Systemic Improvement Plan (Indicator 17) will be submitted to the OSEP April 1.
 - Public Reporting of FFY 2013 district data will be posted by June 1, 2015.

Finance

- The Office of Special Education (OSE) is in the process of completing the annual Federal Part B application for submission on May 12. The application will be made available for the public to view for 60 days, beginning around March 1 and accept comments for at least 30 days.
- OSEP has informed states that as a result of the federal appropriations bill being signed, states will receive their actual estimated state allocations for submission with the annual Federal Part B application rather than using prior year amounts as estimates. This means that the OSE should receive Michigan's estimated allocations earlier this year from the U.S. Department of Education for running the estimated allocations to ISD's earlier this year. We are still anticipating that the Part B flowthrough application will be made available by May 1.
- The MDE Office of Special Education IDEA Part B Local School District Maintenance of Effort testing for the 2013-14 fiscal year will begin approximately March 1.
- The OSE continues to work with CEN and ISD's to put together comprehensive information for school districts related to the federal IDEA Part B Children with Disabilities Enrolled by their Parents in Private Schools requirement. This information will include child find, timely and meaningful consultation, data collection, calculating the proportionate share, and other requirements.

Monitoring

- Winter monitoring for B-4 (Rates of Suspension/Expulsion) and general supervision monitoring began on January 26 and will continue through February 28. In total, 34 districts will participate. Findings will be issued in the April 2015 Workbook.

- Data Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) were issued in the December workbook for B-11 (Child Find), B-12 (Early Childhood Transition) and TVR (Timely, Valid, and Reliable data). Findings will be issued for Timely IEPs in the April Workbook. The monitoring team is working with their advisory group to determine a course of action to address the issue statewide at the ISD level.
- CIMS is undergoing a redesign as part of developing an OSE-wide electronic system. This single point of contact for OSE communication will allow a more coordinated message to be sent to the field and reduce the myriad ways in which the local must now submit documents to the OSE for monitoring, compliance, State complaints, ISD plans, and fiscal reviews. Part of this new system will launch in August 2015. More updates will be coming.

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- **The next 2 meetings of the Medicaid Implementers are:**
 - Tuesday, March 24, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Ingham ISD—regularly-scheduled quarterly meeting
 - Monday and Tuesday, August 17-18, 2015 (1.5 days) in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge - 2nd Annual Michigan Medicaid School Based Services statewide Conference. Medicaid covers the costs of registration and meals during the Conference. Hotel room discount group rate is \$75/nite for Monday and Tuesday. Look for registration emails to come from Medicaid’s meeting planner in spring 2015.
- **Meeting materials**, including powerpoint presentations from the ten breakout and general sessions in **August 2014** at the first annual Michigan Medicaid SBS statewide Conference are now available on the Department of Community Health SBS website at this link: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2945_42542_42543_42546_42551-151025--,00.html Scroll down to “SBS 2014 Conference presentations”. This link is the only school-specific website maintained by the Department of Community Health for our program, so putting the link in your ‘favorites’ is strongly encouraged.
- **To remain informed -**
 - Please let Jane Reagan know of Medicaid staff/personnel changes in your district. Simply contact her (ReaganJ@michigan.gov) with info about who has left who has arrived, their title and contact information.
 - To discuss Medicaid SBS Policy, contact Kevin Bauer at the Medicaid agency: BauerK2@michigan.gov or 517-241-8398.
 - To discuss **Medicaid reimbursement for your district**, contact Amy Kanter at the Medicaid agency: KanterA@michigan.gov or 517-373-4522

Michigan Special Education Reference (MI-SER)

- The following letters have been added to the MI-SER.
 - US Laws and Regulations>OSEP>OSEP Policy Letters>Procedural Due Process>Letter to Reilly – State Complaints, November 3, 2014

- US Laws and Regulations>OSEP>OSEP Policy Letters>Distribution and Use of Funds>Letter to Wedel – Part C Finance, July 10, 2014
- US Laws and Regulations>OSEP>OSEP Policy Letters>Procedural Due Process>Letter to Voigt – Due Process Hearing Timelines, June 2, 2014
- US Laws and Regulations>OSEP>OSEP Policy Letters>Procedural Due Process>Letter to Savit – Observation and Recording Meetings, February 10, 2014
- US Laws and Regulations>OSEP Policy Letters>IEP's and Transition>Letter to Lenz – Progress Reports, February 7, 2014

Early Childhood

- **Office of Great Start - *Early On***[®] - Contact: Vanessa Winborne winbornev@michigan.gov
 - Note information contained in *Upcoming Learning Opportunities*.
- **Office of Great Start - Early Childhood Special Education** - Contact: Lisa Wasacz wasaczl@michigan.gov
 - January 14, 2015 a webinar on Inclusive Practices in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education was recorded. This webinar and the accompanying PowerPoint may be accessed at <http://eotta.ccrea.org/News.php?ID=242>

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- The *Essentials of Early On* training will be released this month. Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is federally required to have a Comprehensive System of Personnel Development. The *Essentials of Early On* includes the basic core knowledge and understanding of Part C regulations and state policies. Individuals involved in the evaluation and/or assessment and who provide family training, counseling, and home visits as well as service coordination will be required to take the training. State Continuing Education Clock Hours are available for those who complete the training. For more complete information please go to <http://eotta.ccrea.org/>.
- There is a newly recorded webinar on the topic of inclusion posted on the Early On Training & Technical Assistance website and can be accessed at this link www.eotta.ccrea.org/Training.php?ID=77&Cat=21
- **2/7/2015** EIPA Video Conference: Language and Theory of Mind in Deaf Children-What Educational Interpreters Need To Know - The EIPA Video Conferences are hosted by Boys Town supported by MDE-LIO. Please visit the following link for more information: <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/907/Default.aspx>
- **2/12/2015** Using Refreshable Braille Technology with Educational Content in the Classroom Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, Michigan; 8:00-3:00. More information at: <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/925/Default.aspx>

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- **2/28/2015** Braille Challenge - A collaboration between Michigan Department of Education-Low Incidence Outreach (MDE-LIO) and Oakland Schools, the Braille Challenge® is an academic competition unlike any other. This two-stage contest is designed to motivate students who are blind to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success with fun-filled, but challenging, local and national events. Any student who is visually impaired and reads braille is eligible to participate in the preliminary Challenge contest events. The Michigan Braille Challenge will take place at Oakland Schools, 8:00-12:00 on February 28, 2015. Please contact Johanna Anand at anandj@michigan.gov for more information.
- **3/5/2015** Troubleshooting, CI Technology & Compatibility Update - (An online U of M Sound Support Power Hour, co-sponsored by MDE-LIO, for those who work with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 4:00-5:00 p.m. - ASHA/SCECH/CEUs available) For more information visit http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/DesktopModules/CEN_EventsAdmin/Documents/927/Feb-May2015FlyerPowerHourUofM.pdf .
- **3/20/2015** Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Workshop - Kent Intermediate School District, 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. More information at: <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/920/Default.aspx>
- **3/24/2015** Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Workshop - Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District, 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. More information at: <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/919/Default.aspx>
- **4/2/2015** Auditory Verbal Therapy Activity Explosion - (An online U of M Sound Support Power Hour, co-sponsored by MDE-LIO, for those who work with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 4:00-5:00 p.m. - ASHA/SCECH/CEUs available) For more information visit <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/929/Default.aspx>
- **4/11/2015** EIPA Video Conference: Ethical Practices and Guiding Principles for Educational Interpreters - The EIPA Video Conferences are hosted by Boys Town, supported by MDE-LIO. Please visit the following link for more information: <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Events/EventDetails/tabid/389/EventId/907/Default.aspx>