

UPDATES

Office of Special Education Michigan Department of Education October 2016

WHAT'S NEW?

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- **The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) Annual Conference** was held last month in Bozeman, Montana. Some highlights:
 - The Michigan contingent was (as usual) significant and the program was packed with 26 breakouts, 4 general sessions and 2 town hall meetings, with preliminary reviews very good.
 - The Opening Keynote Presentation featured **Genesee ISD** Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Services, **Cherie Wager**, and her Medicaid Coordinator who also is the Supervisor for Student Data Management, **Deb Marshall**. The national audience was rapt during their presentation which we all know too well, but their perspective of this horrible, compelling story is powerful.
 - The newly-elected **NAME President Elect is our own Kevin Bauer**, the Policy Specialist from the Michigan Medicaid program who oversees our School Based Services Program. He will become President in October 2017.
 - **Michigan** members also hold top leadership positions in NAME: the **Treasurer is Jennifer Haase** from Allegan AESA; elected Board of Directors members are **Kathy Merry from Wayne RESA, and Steve Ireland from the Michigan Medicaid** agency
 - Save the dates: **October 15-18, 2017**, the NAME 15th Annual Conference will be held in **Broward County, Florida!** Sending your staff is a great investment
- **Meetings in 2016-17** of the ISD Medicaid Implementers are:
 - Tuesday, January 10, 2017;
 - Wednesday, March 22, 2017; and
 - Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

All these meetings are at Ingham ISD with phone and web access for those not able to attend in person.

For any Medicaid **staff changes** that have occurred in your ISD, please inform Jane Reagan ASAP so she may **update her email list** at ReaganJ@michigan.gov

Early Childhood

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Office of Great Start, Office of Preschool and Out-of-School-Time Learning - Early Childhood Special Education

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Indicator B-7 Child Outcomes

- Brigance IED III is approved for Child Outcomes Summary Forms (COSF) assessment, effective July 1, 2016.
- Effective September 1, 2016 – assessment data used to determine preschool special education eligibility may now be used for the COSF assessment data component. The completed assessment tool must be within the past 30 school days in order to use it for COSF.
- A reminder the COSF must be completed within 30 school days of the first receipt of special education services/programs for preschool aged children (2 ½ - 5 years of age).

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Low Incidence Outreach has many learning opportunities. Click on the title for more information.

- **November 2, 2016**

[Using the Brailiant BI Refreshable Braille Display in the Classroom](#)

Refreshable Braille displays are dynamic tools for completing academic work. In and out of the classroom, they provide crisp Braille access to Microsoft Word documents, web pages, electronic books, and more. Students are able to easily view formatting in a document, punctuation, and the spelling of key vocabulary terms.

This workshop will walk through the process of setting up the Brailiant BI with a PC and an iPad. It will also cover navigation and text entry commands for applications that are used in the classroom. Location of workshop - Lansing, Michigan

- **November 3, 2016**

[BrailleNote Touch Introduction](#)

This workshop will provide an introduction to the BrailleNote Touch and benefits for completing written assignments. Participants will engage in hands-on activities, discussion, and demonstration. Location of workshop - Lansing, Michigan

- **November 4, 2016**

[BrailleNote Touch Intermediate](#)

This workshop will provide an introduction to the Key Mail, Key Web, and Victor Reader apps as used with the BrailleNote Touch. It will also explore Google Docs and Google Drive. Participants will engage in hands-on activities, discussion and demonstration. Location of workshop - Lansing, Michigan

- **November 5, 2016**

[Achieving a Shared Vision: Success for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#)

This one-day conference will present educational best practices relevant for all professionals working with students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. During the conference, attendees will learn about collaboration and have opportunities to discuss presented concepts during small group extended learning sessions. Afternoon breakout session topics will include American Sign Language (ASL) skill development, auditory skill development, parental engagement, frequency modulation (FM) system updates, and using Google for instruction and data collection. Location of conference - Flint, Michigan

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- **December 3, 2016**

[EIPA Video Conference: What's the Point: Understanding the Message, Speaker Intent, and Making Appropriate Semantic Sign Choices](#)

This training will guide participants through a series of steps that will result in a deeper understanding of the speaker's intent. The goal is to help interpreters change their approach to the interpreting process, which will result in interpretations that more clearly convey the speaker's implied intent. Online Event