

UPDATES
Office of Special Education – IDEA Grant Funded Initiatives
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WHAT'S NEW?

Center for Educational Networking (CEN)

- CEN is supporting the OSE and grant funded initiatives with training, consultation, and document development support to ensure that federal requirements for accessibility are met by September 30, 2018.
- CEN recently supported MDE-LIO by developing and launching a new registration system on the MDE-LIO website for the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA). The goal was to simplify the registration process.
- CEN is currently supporting MDE-LIO by redesigning their American Printing House (APH) product request system. A new, more efficient system will be ready for launch at the end of May.

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)

- Staff Training and Development: Statewide MAF staff convened in Lansing on March 21–22 for the semi-annual Staff Development Conference (SDC). SDC featured professional development that included learning about the Office of Special Education, Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Supports Initiative (MIBLSI), and the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. In addition, staff began training on the new database they will begin using in April. The new database offers advanced capabilities, such as enhanced documentation and tracking of services provided to families and professionals. The database also offers sophisticated data collection and easier, more expedient access to local, regional, and statewide data.

Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI)

- MIBLSI is currently supporting 25 intermediate school districts (ISDs), 72 local educational agencies (LEAs), and 242 schools. Over the course of the project, MIBLSI has supported more than 740 Michigan schools.

Alt+Shift

- [Registration for the Summer Institute](http://bit.ly/2mJ6Heg) (bit.ly/2mJ6Heg) is now open, and the [Summer Institute program](http://bit.ly/2nsSbpo) (bit.ly/2nsSbpo) is now available.
- [Applications for Accessible Materials Made Right trainings](http://bit.ly/2nnYMQC) (bit.ly/2nnYMQC) are now open at four locations across the state. This is a two-day training. Teams from ISDs and districts are encouraged to apply.

- Applications for Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) implementation sites were accepted through March 15, and work will get underway this summer and fall.
- Applications for *Foundations of Math* implementation sites are accepted through March, and work will get underway this summer and fall.

Michigan Special Education Mediation Program (MSEMP)

- New, updated brochures will soon be available for the MSEMP. The brochures emphasize the program's services for helping individualized education program (IEP) teams communicate and collaborate for improved student outcomes. They also highlight the program's dispute resolution services. The brochures can be obtained by contacting the MSEMP's main office at 517-334-0034, or the MSEMP center that serves your district: 1-800-8RESOLVE.

Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START)

- The 16th annual START Conference will take place on May 1 at the Kellogg Conference and Event Center in East Lansing. The theme of this year's conference is *Integrated Supports Through the Lifespan*, highlighted by presenters Ilene Schwartz, Jessica Minahan, and Randy Lewis. Registration for the conference is now open. Additional information, including registration details, is available on the [START Conference webpage](http://gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm) (gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm).
- View recent and archived issues of the [START newsletter](http://gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-newsletter-213.htm) (gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-newsletter-213.htm).

UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)

MAF learning opportunities occur annually across the state. They are posted on the [MAF calendar](http://michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events) (michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events). The following is a portion of the April calendar.

- *Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy*
 - Date and location: April 24, Hastings
- *Positive Behavior Support*
 - Date and location: April 15, Battle Creek
- *Understanding IEPs*
 - Dates and locations: April 19, Traverse City; April 21, Muskegon; April 27, Clinton Township
- *Evaluation and Eligibility*
 - Date and location: April 21, Cadillac

- *Getting Ready for Kindergarten and Beyond*
 - Date and location: April 21, Highland Park
- *Transition Planning for High School and Beyond*
 - Dates and locations: April 24, Cheboygan; April 25, Iron Mountain; April 26, Marquette; April 27, Ironwood; April 28, Houghton
- *Rethinking Guardianship: Facilitating Life-Long Self-Determination*
 - Date and location: April 26, Birmingham
- *Community Stakeholders Meeting* (Community members learn about MAF and MAF learns about the community, including its assets and resources)
 - Dates and locations: April 27, Big Rapids; April 27, Mecosta

Michigan’s Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI)

Visit the [MIBLSI website](http://miblsi.org) (miblsi.org) for more information on the upcoming events listed below:

- *DIBELS Next Mentor Workshop*
 - Date and location: April 6, Copper Country ISD, Hancock
- *DIBELS Next Mentor Workshop*
 - Date and location: April 13, Crowne Plaza Lansing West, Lansing
- *Reading and Writing in the Common Core State Standards with Dr. Anita Archer*
 - Date and location: May 9–11, Crowne Plaza Lansing West, Lansing
- *Teaching Academic Vocabulary through Shared Book Reading (K and 1)*
 - Date and location: May 10–11, Michigan Technical University, Houghton

Alt+Shift

- *Accessible Materials Made Right* (registration via application only): See the [Accessible Materials Made Right application](http://bit.ly/2nnYMQC) (bit.ly/2nnYMQC) and [information guide](http://bit.ly/2nz95Bi) (bit.ly/2nz95Bi).
 - May 4 and 5: Northern Michigan University
 - May 11 and 12: Kent ISD
 - June 8 and 9: Clinton County RESA
 - June 21 and 22: Traverse City
- *Alt+Shift Summer Institute: Rethink Possibilities*: Hagerty Center, Traverse City, June 20-22.
 - [Alt+Shift Summer Institute Registration](http://bit.ly/2mJ6Heg) (bit.ly/2mJ6Heg)
 - [Alt+Shift Summer Institute Program](http://bit.ly/2nsSbpo) (/bit.ly/2nsSbpo)
- *Foundations of Math five-day course* (bit.ly/2nz1bb4):
 - Dates: August 7 and 8, October 16, November 8 and 9

- Location: Clinton County Regional Educational Services Agency (RESA)
- [Foundations of Math: Teaching Students With Significant Disabilities five-day course](https://bit.ly/2mSG3PW) (bit.ly/2mSG3PW)
 - Dates: August 9 and 10, October 17 and 18, and November 10
 - Location: Clinton County RESA

Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START)

For information on upcoming START events, visit the [START website](http://gvsu.edu/autismcenter) (gvsu.edu/autismcenter).

- [Statewide Self-Management Training](https://bit.ly/2oC26XI) (bit.ly/2oC26XI)
 - Date and location: June 21, Crowne Plaza Lansing West Hotel
- START's 2016–2017 Early Childhood, K–12 and Building Your Future (BYF) intensive training series are continuing in four locations across the state. The host sites for these trainings are:
 - Early Childhood: Jackson ISD, Jackson Area Career Center, Jackson
 - K–12: Gratiot-Isabella ISD, Winding Brook Conference Center, Shepherd
 - K–12: Marquette-Alger RESA, Northern Michigan University, Marquette
 - BYF: Kent ISD, Thousand Oaks Golf Club, Grand Rapids
- Following up on last year's K–12 Intensive Training series, K–12 Intensive Training Year 2 modules will also be hosted by Jackson ISD (on-site) and Ottawa Area ISD (DoubleTree Conference Center in Holland).