



Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education (OSE)

## OSE Update

**April 2018**

### **What's New?**

#### **Alt-Shift**

- The location for the **Start the Assistive Technology Journey** training on May 16 has been changed to the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District (ISD) Tech Center in Kingsford. Download the updated [Start the AT Journey flyer](#) ([bit.ly/ATJourney1DayFlyer](http://bit.ly/ATJourney1DayFlyer)) for more information.
- Accessible Materials Made Right Course 1 of 7, called **Accessible Materials Made Right: Code and Foundations** is now live and available through [EduPaths](#) ([edupaths.org](http://edupaths.org)).
- [Foundations of Math implementation site applications](#) (<http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/foundations-math/pilot-site-information>) for the 2018-2019 school year are now being accepted.
- The Alt+Shift Summer Institute will not be held this year. To support our mission to work collaboratively with sites toward impact and implementation, we will instead offer a Summer Retreat. The retreat, by invitation only, is for teams that are partnering with us on accessible documents, mathematics instruction, and/or Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Teams will engage in strategic planning to strengthen implementation efforts.

#### **Michigan Alliance for Families**

- On Saturday, March 24, the Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF) sponsored the WKAR Family Fun Day at the WKAR Studios on the campus of Michigan State University. The event was a supportive and welcoming environment to those with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), developmental disabilities, and sensory processing disorders. The day included sensory-friendly activities for all children and their parents. Children also had the opportunity to meet Julia, the Sesame Street friend who does things in her own unique way! Families from all over the state participated in this fun event; and it was a great outreach opportunity for MAF. Parents were provided with information about the services and learning opportunities MAF offers.



- MAF conducts a bi-annual Staff Development Conference (SDC), in addition to staff development activities throughout the year. The spring 2018 SDC was held in March. The special focus of this year's training was post-secondary transition. We also continued work from the fall conference and further explored the importance and need for self-care and good health to prevent on-the-job burn-out.

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

- MIBLSI is partnering with the University of Oregon's National Center to Improve Literacy (NCIL) to implement evidenced-based approaches. NCIL and MIBLSI will work with a small number of Michigan schools to intensify reading interventions for students who are not making adequate progress with Tier 1 and Tier 2 approaches.

NCIL's mission is to support the use of evidence-based approaches to teach students with literacy-related disabilities, including dyslexia.

### **Statewide Autism and Resources Training (START)**

- The 17th Annual START Conference, featuring a morning keynote address by Paula Kluth and afternoon breakout sessions, will be held on April 30, 2018 at the [Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center](https://kelloggcenter.com) (<https://kelloggcenter.com>) in East Lansing. Registration and more information can be found on the [START Conference website](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm>).
- In conjunction with the START Conference, we are introducing the first START Project Community Read! Our first selection for the Community Read is *100 Ideas for Improving Inclusive Schools*, written by our Conference Keynote Speaker, Paula Kluth. Visit the [START website for more information on the Community Read](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/community-read-289.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/community-read-289.htm>).
- START's 2017-2018 Early Childhood, K-12, and Building Your Future (BYF) intensive training series are continuing in five locations across the state.
  - The host sites for these trainings are: Oakland Schools (Early Childhood); Muskegon Area ISD (Early Childhood); Van Buren ISD (K12); Macomb ISD (K-12); and Traverse Bay Area ISD/Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, and Roscommon (COOR) ISD (BYF).



- Additionally, following up on last year's K12 Intensive Training (IT) series, K12 IT year 2 modules are continuing at two additional locations: Gratiot-Isabella Regional Educational Service District (RESA) and Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA).
- Visit the START website to read our [quarterly newsletter](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-newsletter-213.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-newsletter-213.htm>).
- To view the latest START resources and updates, visit the [What's Happening at START](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>) section on START's homepage.

## Publications

- The federal regulations implementing the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) require annual public reporting on the performance of each local education agency on the targets established in the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). For a two-week period beginning approximately May 9, 2018, local educational agencies, public school academies, and intermediate school districts will be able to preview district level data.

By June 1, 2018, the district level data will be publicly available at: [www.mischooldata.org](http://www.mischooldata.org).

## State Assessments

- Thank you for submitting your 1% justification forms! We have received data from all ISDs, with just a few LEAs outstanding.
- All justification forms are being reviewed and a response with recommendations will be sent back to the contact listed on each ISD justification summary.
- To clarify the question: "How do I determine if a student 'functions as if' he/she has a significant cognitive impairment?" – a second page has been added to the assessment selection guidance document to address this: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Should\\_My\\_Student\\_Take\\_the\\_Alternate\\_Assessment\\_556705\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Should_My_Student_Take_the_Alternate_Assessment_556705_7.pdf).
- Applications have opened for Educator Panels that will convene from September 2018 through February 2019 to "extend" the K-12 science standards that will be drafted as the state's new alternate science content standards. Refer to the article in the "Spotlight" on 3-29-18 or use the link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIA\\_Science\\_EdPanels](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIA_Science_EdPanels)

## Accountability

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## **Data Collection**

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## **Finance**

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## **Monitoring**

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## **Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program**

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## **Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)**

- The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) Census has been collected, and we thank all of you for your submissions. We will continue to accept Parent Consent to Release forms through April 13<sup>th</sup> for this year's census. Please submit those forms to Low Incidence Outreach (LIO) through fax (517-335-1632) as it allows us to share the information with APH and, therefore, receive quota funds for students on the census.

## **Michigan Special Education Reference (MI-SER)**

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## **Early On<sup>®</sup> Public Comment Requested**

MDE requests public comment on the draft Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Michigan Part C of IDEA application. The period of public participation extends from **February 23 through April 27, 2018**, with public comment accepted only **March 13-April 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m.** Click on the following link for the draft application and public comment instructions: [Part C Public Comment](#).

## **Preschool Special Education**

### **Opportunities:**

Last call for those interested in training in the Inclusive Classroom Profile (ICP).

We are confirming our list of individuals who would like to receive training in the ICP. Please contact Lisa Wasacz

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Additionally, we are looking for classrooms who have at least one child enrolled with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) where we can observe and complete the ICP



classroom portion of the training. If you are interested, contact Mark or Lisa for additional details.

### **Upcoming Events:**

The Michigan Division for Early Childhood <<http://www.michigandec.org/>> is holding its annual one-day conference on the April 27th. It will again be at the College of Education and Human Services at Central Michigan University. <<https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/ehs/Pages/default.aspx>> This year the conference theme is Understanding Behaviors: Strengths-Based Approaches. Dr. LaShorage Schaffer <[https://umdearborn.edu/users/lshaffe?utm\\_source=umdearborn.edu&utm\\_medium=http301&utm\\_campaign=redirect&utm\\_content=https%3A//umdearborn.edu/ce/hhs/lshaffe](https://umdearborn.edu/users/lshaffe?utm_source=umdearborn.edu&utm_medium=http301&utm_campaign=redirect&utm_content=https%3A//umdearborn.edu/ce/hhs/lshaffe)> will be the keynote speaker. Come, contribute and support teachers, providers, and parents in the Early Childhood world.

### **Training & Technical Assistance: Preschool Educational Environments**

The ongoing data surrounding Preschool Educational Environments (SPP/APR Indicator B-6) highlights the steady, but slow progress on this indicator. The FFY2016-2017-year data is out. If you are interested in reviewing Michigan data or having your staff members involved in a conversation about the regulations, guidance, research and practice around inclusion, please contact Lisa Wasacz <<mailto:wasaczl@michigan.gov?subject=Child%20Outcomes%20Information>> ([wasaczl@michigan.gov](mailto:wasaczl@michigan.gov) <<mailto:wasaczl@michigan.gov>>) or Mark Kuipers <<mailto:mkuipers@ccresa.org?subject=Child%20Outcomes%20Information>> ([mkuipers@ccresa.org](mailto:mkuipers@ccresa.org) <<mailto:mkuipers@ccresa.org>>)

### **Preschool Special Education Data and Catamaran**

Data from the 2016-2017 school year for Preschool Educational Environments (SPP/APR Indicator B-6) and Preschool Child Outcomes (SPP/APR Indicator B-7) will be available in the May 15, 2018, Catamaran workbook.

### **Upcoming Learning Opportunities**

#### **Alt+Shift**

- Delta Math Implementation Training
  - **April 12, 2018** (8:45-11:45 a.m.) – Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo, MI
- Delta Math Implementation Training
  - **April 18, 2018** (Time TBA) – Jefferson Schools, Newport, MI



- Delta Math Information Session
  - **April 20, 2018** (12:00-1:30 p.m.) – Troy Public Schools, Troy, MI
- Start the Assistive Technology Journey: From Consideration to Capacity Building to Implementation, 1-day workshop with Mike Marotta
  - **April 24, 2018** – Romulus, MI
  - **April 25, 2018** – St. Johns, MI
  - **April 27, 2018** – Grand Rapids, MI
  - **May 14, 2018** – Gaylord, MI
  - **May 16, 2018** – Kingsford, MI
- Introduction to Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) Communication Books, 2-day workshop with Laura Taylor
  - **June 27-28, 2018** – St. Johns, MI
- [Foundations of Math](http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/foundations-math/5-day-full-course) (http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/foundations-math/5-day-full-course)
  - **August 1 and 2, October 3, November 5 and 6** (five-day training) – St. Johns, MI
- [Foundations of Math: Teaching Students With Significant Disabilities](http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/fom%3A-teaching-students) (http://mi2.cenmi.org/professional-learning-opportunities/fom%3A-teaching-students)
  - **August 3, October 4 and 5, November 7 and 8** (five-day training) – St. Johns, MI

## **Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)**

More learning opportunities and events are being developed, so please visit the [MAF event calendar](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/) (http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/).

MAF provides workshops, training, information, and resources relevant to the needs of parents of students with disabilities. Our learning opportunities are available to parents and staff from districts, ISDs, agencies, and organizations. If you have ideas or suggestions for collaborative learning opportunities, please contact Harvalee Saunto at 517-492-5028.

- IEP Webinar Discussion: Individualized Education Program (IEP) 101 with Joyce Dearhamer
  - **April 12, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI



- Supporting the Educational Needs of Children & Youth with Mental Health Challenges and Those Who Have Experienced Trauma with Terri Henrizi
  - **April 12, 2018** (1:00-3:30 p.m.) – MI Works Conference Room, Traverse City, MI
- Can You Hear Me Now with Cheryl Levine
  - **April 16, 2018** (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – Ferndale Public Library, Ferndale, MI
- Understanding IEPs with Jessie Morton
  - **April 17, 2018** (6:30-8:30 p.m.) – Berrien RESA, Berrien Springs, MI
- IEP Webinar Discussion: Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) Statement with Joyce Dearhamer
  - **April 19, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI
- Supporting the Educational Needs of Children & Youth with Mental Health Challenges and Those Who Have Experienced Trauma with Terri Henrizi
  - **April 19, 2018** (6:00-8:30 p.m.) – Macomb County Community Mental Health Training Center, Sterling Heights, MI
- Transition Talk with Sandee Koski and Lisa Cook Gordon
  - **April 20, 2018** (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) – Livingston Educational Service Agency (ESA), Howell, MI
- Understanding IEPs with Kelly Orginski
  - **April 24, 2018** (6:00-9:00 p.m.) – Tuscola Technology Center, Caro, MI
- Positive Behavior Supports Webinar and Discussion with Bethann Robins
  - **April 24, 2018** (6:30-8:00 p.m.) – Otsego District Public Library, Otsego, MI
- Understanding IEPs with Kelly Orginski
  - **April 25, 2018** (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) – St. Clair County Admin. Bldg., Port Huron, MI
- IEP Webinar Discussion: Goals and Objectives with Joyce Dearhamer
  - **April 26, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI
- Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy with Sandee Koski
  - **April 26, 2018** (5:30-7:30 p.m.) – Redford Library, Redford, MI



- Understanding IEPs with Sandee Koski
  - **April 28, 2018** (10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) – Michigan State University (MSU) Federal Credit Union, Lansing, MI
- Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy with Kanika Littleton
  - **May 1, 2018** (8:30-10:00 a.m.) - Oakland Schools Technical Campus-Southwest, Wixom, MI
- Transition to High School and Beyond with Kelly Orginski
  - **May 2, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) - Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, MI
- IEP Webinar Discussion: IEP Supports and Services with Joyce Dearhamer
  - **May 3, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) - The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI
- Understanding IEPs with Sandee Koski
  - **May 7, 2018** (9:00 a.m.-noon) - The Arc Livingston, Brighton, MI
- Positive Behavior Supports with Jessie Morton
  - **May 8, 2018** (6:30-8:30 p.m.) - Ottawa ISD, Holland, MI
- Rethinking Guardianship with Dohn Hoyle
  - **May 9, 2018** (5:00-8:00 p.m.) – Wayne County Community College (WCCC) Belleville Campus, Belleville, MI
- IEP Webinar Discussion: Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) with Joyce Dearhamer
  - **May 10, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) - The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI
- IEPs and Discipline with Jessie Morton and Cheryl Levine
  - **May 12, 2018** (9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) - The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness, Ionia, MI
- Transition to High School and Beyond with Sandee Koski
  - **May 14, 2018** (6:00-8:30 p.m.) - The LifeCenter, Marshall, MI
- Supporting the Educational Needs of Children & Youth with Mental Health Challenges with Terri Henrizi
  - **May 15, 2018** (5:00-7:30 p.m. **CST**) - Dickinson-Iron ISD, Kingsford, MI





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  - **May 16, 2018** (11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) - Marquette-Alger RESA, Marquette, MI
- Supporting the Educational Needs of Children & Youth with Mental Health Challenges with Terri Henrizi
  - **May 17, 2018** (Noon-2:30 p.m.) - Copper Country ISD, Houghton, MI
- Supporting the Educational Needs of Children & Youth with Mental Health Challenges with Terri Henrizi
  - **May 18, 2018** (Noon-1:30 p.m. **CST**) - Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, MI
- Understanding IEPs with Nicole Miller
  - **May 18, 2018** (1:00-3:00 p.m.) - Scottville Public Library, Scottville, MI
- Transition to High School and Beyond with Sandee Koski
  - **May 21, 2018** (1:00-3:30 p.m.) - Wexford Missaukee ISD, Cadillac, MI
- Getting Ready for Kindergarten and Beyond with Jessie Morton
  - **May 21, 2018** (1:00-4:00 p.m.) - Cheboygan Public Library, Cheboygan, MI
- Transition to Kindergarten with Jessie Morton
  - **May 22, 2018** (11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) - Peter White Library, Marquette, MI
- Suspension, Expulsion, and Discipline Webinar and Discussion with Bethann Robins
  - **May 22, 2018** (6:30-8:00 p.m.) - Otsego District Public Library, Otsego, MI
- Transition to Kindergarten with Jessie Morton
  - **May 23, 2018** (10:00 a.m.-Noon **Central Standard Time [CST]**) - Northern Lights YMCA Dickinson, Iron Mountain, MI
- Transition to Kindergarten with Jessie Morton
  - **May 24, 2018** (10:00 a.m.-Noon **CST**) - VFW, Bessemer, MI
- Transition to Kindergarten with Jessie Morton



- **May 24, 2018** (10:00 a.m.-Noon) – Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw (BHK) Child Development, Houghton, MI

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

Please visit the [MIBLSI events page](https://miblsi.org/events) (<https://miblsi.org/events>) for more information on upcoming professional development events.

- School-Wide Information System (SWIS) Facilitator Certification Training
  - **April 17-19, 2018** – SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 111 S. Marketplace Blvd., Lansing, MI
- Behavior Interventions for Classrooms
  - **April 20, 2018** – Jackson ISD, Jackson, MI
  - **April 23, 2018** – COP ESD, Indian River, MI
- Classroom Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
  - **May 10, 2018** – Clinton County RESA, St. Johns, MI
  - **May 16, 2018** – Newaygo County RESA, Fremont, MI

## **Statewide Autism and Resources Training (START)**

- 17th Annual START Conference featuring Paula Kluth
  - **April 30, 2018** – Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing, MI

## **Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)**

- [2018 EIPA Skill Development Workshop](#) (four offerings)
  - April 14, 2018 (Lansing, Michigan)
  - April 28, 2018 (Grand Rapids, Michigan)
  - June 2, 2018 (Bloomfield Hills, Michigan)
  - June 21, 2018 (Clare, Michigan)

In this event, educational interpreters will learn skills for including key vocabulary when interpreting from American Sign Language (ASL) to English. Participants will engage in small group and partner practice, and presenters will provide individual feedback.

- [Family Nature Club - Hiking](#)

April 20-22, 2018  
Greenville, Michigan

This event will introduce participants to hiking and backcountry travel. Activities will focus on orientation, traveling over uneven terrain, and basic to advanced



techniques for backcountry travel. Families will love the opportunity to explore hiking and backpacking as a lifelong leisure activity!

- [Teaching Excel Using JAWS](#)

May 9-10, 2018

Lansing, Michigan

This course is designed for individuals who will be teaching a student with a visual impairment how to use Microsoft Excel 2010 using JAWS. Participants should be experienced with the basics of Microsoft Excel and using JAWS with Microsoft products.

- [Connect 12/ MATT Connect Introduction Workshop](#)

May 10, 2018

Lansing, Michigan

The Connect 12 / MATT Connect combines a high-performance digital magnifier with the versatility of an Android tablet. In this hands-on workshop, participants will use features of the devices to view and capture printed materials. They will utilize the distance camera to make observations and annotate on worksheets using writing, typing, and highlighting functions. Participants will also turn on magnification features of Android and explore apps that can be downloaded from the Google Play Store.

- [Family Nature Club - Gardening Celebration](#)

May 18-20, 2018

Greenville, Michigan

Gardens offer a wonderful opportunity to work with our hands, enjoy nature, and socialize together. In this Family Nature Club event, students who are blind/visually impaired will learn about planting and growth as well as the urban and rural birds that flock to gardens.

- [Spicing up Your Kitchen and Technology Skills: An Expanded Core Curriculum Training](#)

May 19, 2018

Kalamazoo, Michigan

This event is for students with visual impairments in kindergarten through 8th grade and their parents or guardians. During this workshop, students will prepare lunch and learn additional independent living skills (ILS). Students will also work on technology skills, which will include exciting apps for ILS.

- [Outdoor Education Workshop - Backpacking 101](#)

June 18-21, 2018

Greenville, Michigan

Backpacking 101 is an opportunity for youth ages 13-17 who are blind or visually impaired to explore fundamental backcountry camping skills in an outdoor learning environment. Led by experienced outdoor educators,



participants will learn how to organize and pack a backpack for multi-day travel, select proper backpacking clothing, choose and set up a campsite, and prepare food on a camp stove or over a fire. Participants will also learn skills in leadership, group dynamics, personal judgment, and decision making.

- [Expanded Core Curriculum Camp for Elementary Students](#)

July 9-12, 2018

Greenville, Michigan

The Expanded Core Curriculum Camp for Elementary Students is a traditional residential camp experience for children ages 8-12 who are blind or visually impaired. The expanded core curriculum is embedded in this unique three-night, four-day camping event. Specific learning outcomes include independent living skills, recreation and leisure, self-determination, orientation and mobility skills, and so much more.

**For more information about any of the events listed above, please visit LIO's website (<https://mdelio.org>).**