



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

OSE Update

February 2018

What's New?

Alt-Shift

- The Assistive Technology (AT) Journey Symposium kicked off at the end of October. Two intermediate school districts (ISDs) are partnering with Alt+Shift to engage in strategic planning and implementation related to building a collaborative approach to AT services.
- Plans are underway for the second Alt+Shift Implementation Team Summer Retreat. The retreat is for teams that are currently partnering with Alt+Shift to implement practices from a variety of professional learning opportunities related to accessible documents, math instruction, augmentative and alternative communication, and assistive technology.

Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Program

- **SBS Medicaid Implementer Meeting Dates: March 12 from 1- 3 p.m.**
 - *Implementer meetings for the 2018-2019 year are presented by coordinators for coordinators who support Medicaid School Based Services. They are offered at Ingham ISD in Mason. For those unable to attend there is web access.*
 - Contact Dana Billings for more information at billingsd1@michigan.gov
- **Annual Michigan SBS Medicaid Conference 2019:**
 - *August 15-26, 2019 at the Mc Camly Plaza in Battle Creek, MI*
<http://mccamlyplaza.com/>
- **Name Conference:**
 - *National Alliance for Medicaid in Education Annual Conference will be held October 2-4, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For more details go to: www.MedicaidForEducation.org*
- **Technical Assistance Workgroups:**
 - *Technical assistance workgroups continue to meet to create documents to support those implementing SBS Medicaid.*
 - Contact Dana Billings for more information at billingsd1@michigan.gov



- **Regional Meetings:**
 - *SBS Medicaid regions continue to meet to review SWOT data and create action plans for 2018-2019.*
 - *Upcoming meetings include: Region 6 on May 9, Region 7 on April 17, Region 10 on February 28, Region 1 and 2 on January 14 and April 30, Region 8 on January 25.*
- **SBS Medicaid Policy Changes and Updates**
 - *The State Plan specific to School Based Services Medicaid was opened, and a proposed policy amendment was submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).*
 - *A Bulletin of the proposed policy changes will be posted by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) in February of 2019 for comments. https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42546_42553-87513--,00.html*
 - *The amendment focuses on providing mental health and medical services to general education students on Medicaid.*
- To discuss **Medicaid SBS Policy**, contact Kevin Bauer at the Medicaid agency: BauerK2@michigan.gov or 517-284-1197.
- Please let **Dana Billings** know of Medicaid staff/personnel changes in your district. You can contact her at billingsd1@michigan.gov or 517-335-2250 with information about who has left, who has arrived, their title/role and contact information.
- To discuss **Medicaid reimbursement for your district**, contact Amy Kanter at the Medicaid agency: KanterA@michigan.gov or 517-241-4240.

Low Incidence Outreach (LIO)

- Check out the [Michigan Department of Education- Low Incidence Outreach](#) web site to find out about upcoming March workshops:
 - BrailleNote Touch
 - Tactile Graphic Workshops – Exciting opportunity for Teachers/Paraprofessionals
 - FORUM -Parents of Children who are Blind/Visually Impaired ages Birth-6
 - Family Matters Event for Families of children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- **NEW WEBSITE** for LOW INCIDENCE OUTREACH – coming soon.
- LIO has a new look for our Newsletter, join the LIO list serv.



- LIO is taking time to visit programs for Blind/Visually Impaired and Deaf/Hard of Hearing. We want to hear what great things you are doing and how we can help support your work.
- Join the LIO News and Announcements Listserv to stay informed about LIO's events. To join the Listserv, contact Brenda at mahoneyb1@michigan.gov or 517-241-7165.

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)

- Patti Banks and Sally Beauchamp have joined MAF as regional parent mentors. Patti will serve eastern Oakland County and Sally will serve the western Upper Peninsula.

Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education (OGS-ECD FE) Updates

- **Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five: Update** – A news release was issued on January 8, 2019 announcing the following:

\$5-million-plus competitive federal grant will help improve care, programs, and services for preschoolers statewide, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) announced today.

How children up to age 5 move from home-visiting, child care, and preschool programs is a chief focus of the \$5,058,813 Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five initiative (PDG B-5) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Education.

"This grant will serve to move Michigan forward in many areas of its Top 10 in 10 plan, most assuredly within its goal of providing every child access to an aligned, high-quality system from early childhood to postsecondary attainment," said Interim State Superintendent Sheila Alles. "We recognize the importance of the early years and family engagement as foundational to the best outcomes for every child."

Michigan is one of 45 states awarded funding through PDG B-5, a \$250-million competitive federal grant designed to improve states' early childhood landscape by building on existing federal, state, and local early care and learning investments.

The grants focus on three major activities: maximizing parental choice; improving transitions within early care and learning programs and with elementary schools; and improving overall quality of early childhood education programs.



The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) authorized the creation of this new national PDG B-5 program that fosters connections across early learning programs, and between the early learning and K-12 systems within states.

Under its grant, Michigan will develop a statewide strategic plan for children, birth to age 5, based on a needs assessment, with support from the state's 54 Great Start Collaboratives and 60 Great Start Parent Coalitions.

The major goals in Michigan's grant application are to:

1. strengthen the overall system and improve the relationship between state, regional, and local entities that support young children and their families;
2. better identify children in need of programs and services;
3. better connect families to programs and services; and
4. improve transitions and connections between programs.

Early On®

- **New Part C Coordinator** – Noel Kelty began her duties as the new Early Intervention Manager/*Early On* Coordinator on Monday, December 17. She has most recently been the Michigan Department of Education's Early Literacy-Family Engagement Consultant, but at one point was our Part B, Section 619 Coordinator. She has varied experiences in the field and will use those experiences as she leads *Early On* into its future. Her contact information is: Noel Kelty, Early Intervention Manager/Part C State Coordinator, Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Development and Family Education, Michigan Department of Education KeltyN@Michigan.Gov 517-241-7004 (main line) 517-373-8483 (direct line)

Office of Great Start/Preschool and Out-of-School Time Learning (OGS-POSTL) Updates

- **Preschool Special Education**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the [2019 Michigan Division for Early Childhood](#) Annual Conference on April 26, 2019 at Central Michigan University, 195 East Ojibwa Court in Mt. Pleasant. The theme for the conference this year is "Promoting and Supporting Resilience." The keynote speaker for the conference this year is Dr. Rosemarie Allen.

Breakout sessions for this conference will include topics such as: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Toxic Stress, Cultural Competence, Implicit



Bias, Mindfulness, Resilience, Social-emotional Supports, Strategies to support children in inclusive settings, and Trauma-Informed Care.

Publications

- The Part B FFY 2017 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR) has been submitted.
- The federal regulations implementing the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) at §300.602(b)(1)(i)(A) require public reporting on the performance of each local education agency in Michigan on the targets established in the SPP/APR. For a two-week period beginning approximately May 8, 2019, districts will be able to preview district level data.
- By June 1, 2019, the district level data will be available at: [MI School Data portal](https://www.mischooldata.org/SpecialEducationEarlyOn2/AnnualPublicReporting2/AnnualPublicReportingSummary.aspx) (<https://www.mischooldata.org/SpecialEducationEarlyOn2/AnnualPublicReporting2/AnnualPublicReportingSummary.aspx>)

Statewide Autism and Resources Training (START)

- START's 2018-2019 Early Childhood, K-12, and Building Your Future (BYF) year one intensive training series continues at four locations across the state. The host sites for these trainings are: Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (RESD)/Baker College of Owosso (Early Childhood), Jackson ISD (BYF), Oakland Schools (K12), and Jackson ISD (BYF). Additionally, following up on last year's K12 Intensive Training (IT) series, K12 IT year 2 modules will be hosted by Van Buren ISD and Macomb ISD.
- Sign-up for [START Connecting](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-email-updates-213.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-connecting-email-updates-213.htm>) to receive bi-monthly email updates with articles, events, and tools.
- The 18th Annual START Conference: Breaking the Social Code, featuring Jed Baker and Michelle Garcia Winner, is set for April 29, 2019 at the [Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center](https://kelloggcenter.com/) (<https://kelloggcenter.com/>) in East Lansing. More information is available on the [START website](https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm) (<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/start-conference-167.htm>).

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Alt+Shift

- [Upper Peninsula Special Education Conference](https://www.maresa.org/departments/special-education/up-special-ed-conference-2019/) (<https://www.maresa.org/departments/special-education/up-special-ed-conference-2019/>)
 - **February 22, 2019** – Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA), Marquette, MI



- Breakout sessions on math and literacy.
- [Conventional Literacy for Students With Significant Disabilities and Complex Communication Needs](#)
(<https://www.altshift.education/event/conventional-literacy-instruction-students-significant-disabilities-and-complex-communication>)
 - **February 25-27, 2019** - Romulus, MI
- [79th Annual Michigan Council for Exceptional Children Conference](#)
(<http://www.michigancec.org/home>)
 - **March 6-8, 2019** – Grand Rapids, MI
 - Breakout sessions on math, literacy, and assistive technology.

Michigan Alliance for Families (MAF)

More learning opportunities and events are being developed. Visit the [MAF event calendar](#) (<http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/upcoming-events/>) for the most up-to-date information. Be sure to view our selection of free [on-demand webinars](#) (<http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/webinar/>).

Use our [event registration form](#)

(<https://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/event-registration/>) to register for all MAF events.

- Individualized Education Program (IEP) Goals and Objectives with Joyce Dearhamer
 - **February 5, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-7:30 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
 - **February 6, 2019** (6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – Macomb Intermediate School District (ISD), Clinton Township, MI
- Learn About: Goals and Objectives
 - **February 7, 2019** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Understanding the IEP with Sandee Koski
 - **February 9, 2019** (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – Erwin L. Davis Education Center, Flint, MI
- Understanding the IEP with Sandee Koski
 - **February 11, 2019** (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – Cromaine District Library, Hartland, MI



- IEP Support Services with Joyce Dearhamer
 - **February 12, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) – The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI
- Assistive Technology: Tools That Assist Learning in School with Christine Skoglund
 - **February 13, 2019** (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.) – Inkster Board of Education Building, Inkster, MI
- Inclusion: Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) with Joyce Dearhamer
 - **February 19, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) – The Arc of St. Clair County, Port Huron, MI
- Learn About: Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy with Kelly Orginski
 - **February 20, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – Life Church, Marshall, MI
- Learn About: Support Services, Accommodations, and Modifications
 - **February 21, 2019** (7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) – The Arc of Kent County, Grand Rapids, MI
- Learn About: Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy with Debbie Rock
 - **March 7, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – Montcalm Care Network, Stanton, MI
- Behavior Is Communication with Sally Burton-Hoyle
 - **March 8, 2019** (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.) – Arc Muskegon, Muskegon, MI
- Understanding the IEP with Kenya Harper-Black
 - **March 13, 2019** (5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.) – Starfish Family Services, Inkster, MI
- The 5 W's of Assistive Technology: A Look Into Everything AT with Carolyn O'Hearn
 - **March 13, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – Erwin L. Davis Center, Flint, MI
- Learn About: IEP 101 with Jackie Van Horn
 - **March 14, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.) – Van Buren ISD, Lawrence, MI
- Learn About: IEP 101 with Debbie Rock



- **April 4, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – Montcalm Care Network, Stanton, MI
- Rethinking Guardianship: Facilitating Lifelong Self Determination with Dohn Hoyle
 - **April 16, 2019** (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) – Farmington Community Library, Farmington Hills, MI
- Learn About: Importance of the Present Level of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) Statement with Debbie Rock
 - **April 18, 2019** (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.) – Montcalm Care Network, Stanton, 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.

- MIBLSI 15th Annual State Conference
 - **April 25-26, 2019** – Crowne Plaza, Lansing, MI
 - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Catherine Bradshaw (University of Virginia)
 - Guest Speakers: Ami Flammini (Midwest PBIS Network), David Kilpatrick (author of *Essentials of Assessing, Preventing, and Overcoming Reading Difficulties*), Rhonda Nese (University of Oregon), Jess Surles (National Center on Improving Literacy), Caryn Ward (Director, State Implementation & Scaling-up of Evidence-based Practices Center)