

2016-2017: *Early On* Ingham County Annual Report

Early On is a coordinated system of early intervention services mandated by Federal legislation (Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act). It is designed to assist families in accessing and coordinating social, health and educational services that will promote the development of their young child with a disability or developmental delay under age three.

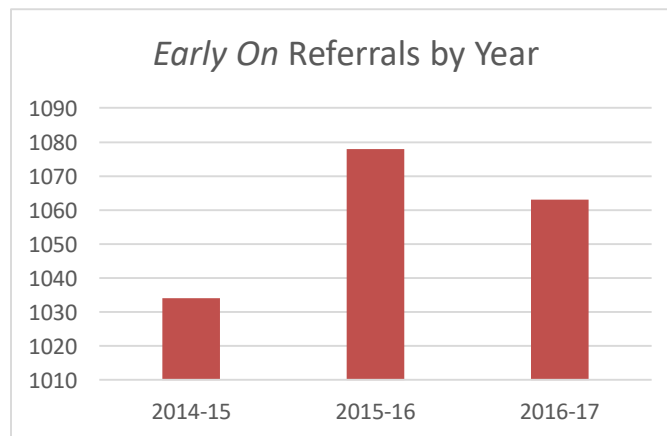
Early On is based on partnerships between families and service providers and on collaboration among community agencies, educational services, organizations, and private practitioners.

An annual grant is allocated to each of Michigan's service areas through the intermediate school districts. The grant is used to support activities in the community to assist families and their young children in accessing the services they need.

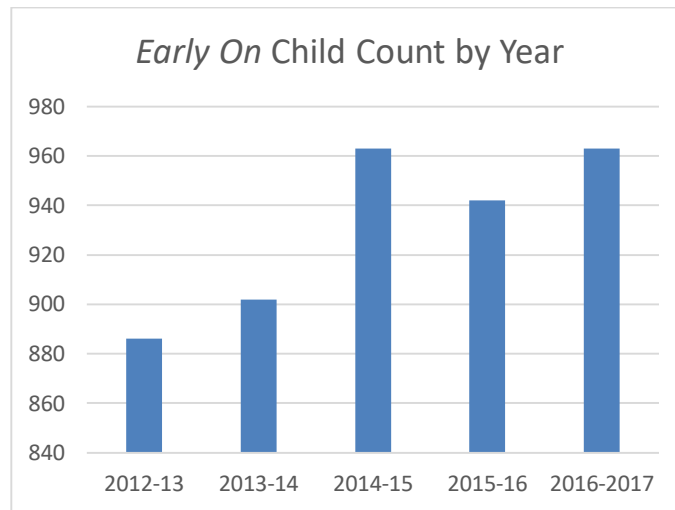
The Ingham County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC), as part of the Great Start Collaborative, is the advisory group which assists in development and implementation of an annual service area plan to promote and support *Early On* within Ingham County. The Great Start Collaborative approves the proposed grant budget and continuation of the agency partnerships which support and provide services to *Early On* eligible children and their families.

Some of the focus areas and accomplishments of the 2016-2017 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

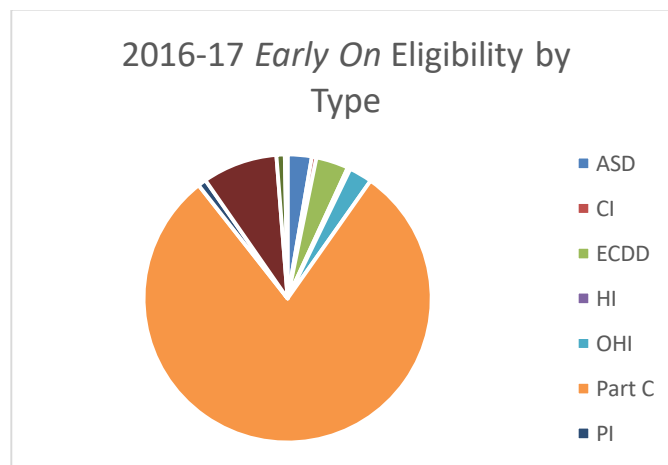
- Continuation of *Early On* Playgroup Specialist positions to provide continuity in curriculum and methodology in 22 Play and Learn groups facilitated by *Early On*, in conjunction with Great Parents, Great Start. In the Ingham Service area, there is a Play and Learn group every day of the week, in 13 sites, placed in 7 of the 12 local school districts.
- Continued parent participation in our Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) via the Great Start Family Coalition.
- Compliance on 6 of the 8 IDEA Part C State Performance Plan Indicators
- Processed 1063 referrals, an average of 3 to 5 referrals per work day (compared to 1078 in 2015-16):



- 37 staff provided service to 963 children in the 12-month period of June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017 (compared to 942 in 2015-16):



- Of the 963 children, 766 (compared to 708 in 2015-16) were eligible under Part C of IDEA and 197 (compared to 218 in 2015-16) were additionally eligible for Michigan special education:



- *Early On* Staff engaged in the Ingham ISD strategic planning process and developed the following Early Childhood Goals:
 - Increase the number of evidence based literacy practices within all Early Childhood Programs
 - Collaborate with Public Relations and Communications to target hard to reach families
 - Increase the number of Evidence Based Social Emotional practices implemented within all Early Childhood Programs
 - Analyze attendance patterns in Early Childhood Programs
- *Early On* Staff re-designed three processes (attendance, contact logs and home visit log sheets) to maximize efficiency, retain records systematically and avoid duplication of work. This included implementation of an app that can be used to record attendance.

Goals for the 2017-2018 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

- Continue to explore the benefits of a Primary Service Provider model.
- Implement the use of the Service Delivery Matrix to create a more consistent delivery model for all families in *Early On*.
- Implement evidence based literacy practices in Play Groups and during all home visits and implement fidelity checks.
- Develop guidelines for the use of the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA), implement guidelines and implement fidelity checks.
- Begin to gather and track attendance data.
- Improve Evidence based practices for Early Intervention by attending the 2017 *Early On* Conference.

The *Early On* grant formula has changed over the past two years. The allocation for 2017-18 is \$303,999, a slight increase of \$3,860. Due to increased retirement costs not all expenses previously covered by the *Early On* grant will be covered in 2017-18.

	2016-17		2017-18	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Grant Revenue				
Current Year		300,139		303,999
Prior Year Carryover		-		-
		<u>300,139</u>		<u>303,999</u>
Grant Expenses				
Ingham ISD				
Playgroup Specialist I	0.50	51,101	0.50	51,795
Playgroup Specialist II	0.50	51,195	0.50	53,122
Early Intervention Services	0.80	98,156	0.80	99,218
Early Intervention Services	0.50	47,400	0.50	47,223
GAP Services		5,000		5,000
Other				
Mileage		7,084		7,084
Workshops/Conferences		1,600		1,600
Supplies		1,398		1,274
Indirect (14-15 at 15.00%)		37,205		37,683
		<u>300,139</u>		<u>303,999</u>
Total Expenses		<u>300,139</u>		<u>303,999</u>
Net Revenue/(Expense)		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>