



2015-2016: 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 (LICCC), 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 2015-2016 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 and the Healthy Families America program. 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 (LICCC) via the Great Start Family Coalition.
- Compliance on 5 of the 8 IDEA Part C State Performance Plan Indicators
- Processed 1078 referrals, an average of 3 to 5 referrals per work day (compared to 1034 in 2014-15).
- 37 staff provided service to 926 children in the 12 month period of June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016. Of the 926 children, 708 (compared to 687 in 2014-15) were eligible under Part C of IDEA and 218 (compared to 198 in 2014-15) were additionally eligible for Michigan special education.
- All Early On staff completed the Essentials of Early On training modules, a new State requirement for anyone who acts as a Service Coordinator in Early On.
- 20 Early On staff attended the state Early On conference this fall and 5 Ingham ISD staff were presenters.

- All Early On staff participated in 1 of 3 learning groups (Protective Factors, Social-Emotional or Early Literacy) and each staff person developed and implemented an action plan.
- 28 Early On staff received training on the AEPS curriculum for infants and toddlers as continuous improvement on implementing the use of this curriculum with fidelity.
- Workload workgroup developed a Service Delivery matrix that will afford families a more consistent and data decision based service delivery system.

Goals for the 2015-2016 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

- Continue to increase use of coaching/consultation methodology through implementation of Family Guided Routines Based Intervention.
- Continue implementation of the AEPS curriculum for infants and toddlers and use for ongoing assessment of child outcomes.
- 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.

	Early On Grant Budget 2016-17			
	2015-16		2016-17	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Grant Revenue				
Current Year		280,326		300,139
Prior Year Carryover		-		-
		280,326		300,139
Grant Expenses				
Ingham ISD				
Playgroup Specialist I	0.50	49,060	0.50	51,050
Playgroup Specialist II	0.50	47,608	0.50	51,042
Early Intervention Svs	0.80	94,336	0.80	97,623
Early Intervention Svs	0.50	45,657	0.50	47,460
GAP Services (Cab, Interpreters)		3,000		5,000
Other				
Mileage		2,071		6,000
Workshops/Conferences		2,200		1,600
Supplies		0		1,398
Indirect (14-15 at 15.00%)		36,394		38,966
		280,326		300,139
Total Expenses		280,326		300,139
Net Revenue/(Expense)		-		-