



## **2009-2010: 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 Power of We, upon recommendation of 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 2009-2010 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

- Creation of an Early On Playgroup Specialist position to provide continuity in curriculum and methodology in Play and Learn groups facilitated by Early On.
- Continued parent participation in our Local Interagency Coordinating Council via the Early On Family Committee.
- Compliance on all 14 of the IDEA Part C State Performance Plan Indicators, and on the IDEA Part B Early Childhood Indicators.
- Training and implementation of the DECA I/T, a tool used to measure social/emotional health of infants and toddlers.
- Training from Robin McWilliam on routines based/support based intervention in home visits and child care consultation.
- 41 service providers provided service to more than 870 children in the 11 month period of July 1, 2009 to June 1, 2010. A report on June 30<sup>th</sup> period count will be provided to the GSC when that data is available. FTE's from CMH=1.5, ICHD=1.25, IISD=29.7.

Goals for the 2010-2011 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

- Implement routines based intervention model and participate in grant opportunity with Robin McWilliam and service areas in other states to measure effectiveness of Routines Based Interview/Intervention model. This will be a four-year grant, including training, implementation, and data collection.
- Provide training and coaching for all Early On staff from MSU's Project IMPACT and implement this family coaching curriculum.
- Provide training for all Early On staff on adult learning and coaching/consultation methodology.
- Collect data on service model that will provide more intensive services initially, engaging families' active participation in intervention for their child, then fade service intensity as child progress is evidenced and family builds competencies and confidence in their skills.
- Provide training on a yet to be determined curriculum for infants and toddlers which will be used for ongoing assessment of child outcomes.
- Disseminate locally designed family satisfaction survey and use results to help improve in achievement of family outcomes.

Note: The Early On grant formula will change for fiscal year 2011/2012. The change will result in an approximate reduction of \$100,000.00+ from the amount allocated this year. This year's allocation is a \$37,000.00 reduction from last year due to Michigan's allocation being reduced by OSEP.

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| <b>EARLY ON PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011</b><br><b>(Major Expenditures)</b> |
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| ICHD Contracted Service Coordinator (PHN's)                           | 1.25 FTE | \$108,868 + 200 trainings/ conferences |
| CMH Contracted Service Coordinator/Infant<br>Mental Health Specialist |          | 1.5 FTE                                |
|   |          | \$119,217 + 200 trainings/ conferences |
| IISD Early Interventionist  |          |  |
| 1.3 FTE   |          | \$113,994                              |

The following are estimated costs:

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| Meeting Expenses                        | 1,000 |       |
| GAP/ Interpreter Costs                  | 5,000 |       |
| GAP/Transportation Costs (for families) |       | 3,000 |
| Professional Development                | 400   |       |
| Printing and Postage Costs              | 500   |       |
| Teaching Supplies/Equipment             | 500   |       |
| Community Services/Locations            | 1,000 |       |

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| Estimated total for Major Expenses | \$353,879 |
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| 2010-2011 Estimated Grant Allocation | \$356,059 |
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Reductions in FTE:

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| Early Childhood Coordinator (IISD) | 0.5 FTE |
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Note: Ingham Early On will be facing retirements in the following disciplines/positions as of 9/1/10:

- 1.0 Supervisor of EC Special Education/Early On and Project Find Coordinator
- 7.0 Early Child Special Education Teachers
- 1.7 Occupational therapists (2 staff)
- 1.6 Speech Language Pathologists (2 staff)