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Recommendation for State Allocation of Funding: Continued Investment

For Early On Michigan Birth to Three Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers with Delays and Disabilities

In 2018-19 Michigan saw its first state investment in *Early On* Michigan. The \$5 million allocation represents an important initial investment on the part of the state to address the serious needs of families who have infants and toddlers eligible under Michigan's *Early On*/Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) early intervention system. It is the first step to reach the estimated need of \$68 million for our infants and toddlers with delays and disabilities and their families.

In order to reach the need and support successful implementation statewide, the *Early On* Michigan Foundation recommends reaching the goal incrementally:

Status	Year	Recommended Allocation	Increase from Previous Year	Progress toward goal
	2018-19	\$5 M*	\$5 M	7%
	2019-20	\$20 M	\$15 M	29%
	2020-21	\$36 M	\$16 M	53%
	2021-22	\$52 M	\$16 M	76%
	2022-23	\$68 M	\$16 M	100%

*This amount represents the actual allocation, not the recommendation of the *Early On* Michigan Foundation.

An investment of \$20 million will provide enough resources to cover approximately 1 hour of service per month. This recommendation is based on the projected annual cost of \$1,920 to cover one hour of service per month for one child. While this amount is **not** sufficient to adequately serve infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities, it represents an increase in resources available to families and follows a plan for successful statewide implementation of our early intervention system. The recent (June 2018) "snap shot" child count (one date in time) of eligible infants and toddlers in Michigan is 10,873. The number served over one year is 22,190.

Fully supporting positive developmental outcomes for our youngest children and their families promotes success in school, the community, with friends, and in life.