



MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL
February 26, 2018

The members of the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC) support whole heartedly Governor Snyder's proposed \$5 million from the School Aid Budget for *Early On* children which provides outreach, evaluation and services to infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities mandated under Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. We believe this is a positive step toward fully funding this critical program in our state.

We ask that you please strongly consider changing the proposed distribution of funds from a competitive bid process to using the formula allocation process which is currently in place for distributing approximately \$10 million dollars in federal funds to intermediate school districts. The formula allocation process was vetted by the MICC and open to public comment. It was revisited in 2013 and is based on current census data. We have no structure for a competitive bid process therefore precious direct service dollars would be spent unnecessarily on administration. *Early On* has many federal requirements and oversight which assures the responsible and qualified implementation of the program. Please help us use every dollar possible to support this valuable underfunded program for our most vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

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