

2008-2009: 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 (Birth-5 Human Services Advisory sub-committee,) 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 (Human Services Advisory Committee, Birth to Five sub-committee) 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 2007-2008 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

- Increase in referrals.
- Increase in number of children and families served (federal law requires a minimum of 2.2% of live births). Ingham Early On has served over 6% for the past several years.
- Increase in service coordinators and providers through an increase in staffing by 0.7 FTE.
- Continued increase in parent participation in our Local Interagency Coordinating Council via the Early On Family Committee.
- Increase in number of community organizations/sites partnering in providing services in Natural Environments.
- One of 15 out of 57 service areas meeting Part C State Performance Plan Indicators for Compliance.
- Participated successfully in a service area monitoring visit from the federal Office of Special Education Programs.

Goals for the 2008-2009 grant cycle (fiscal year) include:

- Maintain levels of service and community partnerships.
- Increase staffing by adding 1.725 FTE service coordinator/provider.
- Increase efficiency and carry out current Early On requirements as well as implement new requirements for child outcomes reporting and the Part C Continuous Improvement Monitoring System by adding a 0.5 FTE Early Childhood Coordinator position.
- Continue to participate as an active partner in the implementation of local ECIC grant activities.
- Continue to increase opportunities for children and families to receive services in the Natural Environment.
- Provide data to the state regarding each child's ongoing developmental progress and achievement of individual family and child outcomes.
- Provide accurate information to the state as part of the Public Reporting requirement of the State Performance Plan for implementation of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Part C indicators include: Timely Services, Natural Environments, Child Find birth to 1, Child Find birth to 3, 45 day timeline, Early Childhood Transition, and others.

EARLY ON PROJECTED BUDGET 2008-2009 (Major Expenditures)

Projected Grant Allocation	<u>FY 07/08</u>	<u>FY 08/09</u>
	\$422,617+ \$80,000 (carryover)	\$416,473 + \$60,000 (carryover)
	<u>FY 07/08</u>	<u>FY 08/09</u>
ICHD Contracted Service Coordinator (PHN, Jump Start)	\$125,984 + 3,000 Conferences/Trainings (1.75 FTE)	\$130,168 + 1,000 Conferences/Trainings (1.75 FTE)
CMH Contracted Service Coordinator	\$74,291 + 1200 Conferences/Trainings (.875 FTE)	\$87,000 + 350 Conferences/Trainings (1.0 FTE)
CMH Contracted Infant Mental Health Specialist	-----	\$39,960 + 350 Conferences/Trainings (0.5 FTE)
IISD Service Coordinators	\$105,399 (estimate) (1.3 FTE)	\$101,007 (1.3 FTE)
IISD Early Childhood Coordinator	-----	\$60,000 (estimate) (0.5 FTE)
The following are ESTIMATED costs:		
IISD Summer Services (from grant)	\$70,000	\$9000
Community Services/Locations and Meeting Expenses	10,000	5000
GAP/Interpreter Costs/Transportation Costs (For Families)	7,500	7500
Professional Development	2,000	2400
Printing and Postage Costs	2,500	1000
Teaching Supplies/Equipment	2,000	1,000
Indirect Costs @ 6.9% for 08/09		28,861
Estimated Total Cost of Major Expenses:	\$403,874	\$474,596

Ingham County Early On Data for 2007-2008

Number of Service Coordinators/Providers

Agency	Number of Staff 07-08	FTE 07-08	Number of Staff 08-09	FTE 08-09
IISD	39	31.305	40	32.805
ICHD PHN	14	1.25	14	1.25
ICHD JS	5	.5	5	.5
EHS	1	.08	1	.08
CMH	1	.875	2	1.5
TOTAL	60	34.01	62	36.135

Number of referrals (07/01/07 - 06/10/08): 816**Active Snapshot Count as of 12/1/07**

Early On (Part C) Eligible Only	385 (78%)
Early On and Michigan Special Education Eligible	108 (22%)
Total Number of Children Being Served	493

Child Count Period Data (12/2/06 – 12/1/07)

Early On Children Served: Age 0-1	118 (12%)
Early On Children Served: Age 1-2	237 (25%)
Early On Children Served: Age 2-3	593 (63%)
Total Number of Children Served	948

Increase from previous period (12/1/05 - 12/1/06)	5%
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Total Period (6/2/07 - 6/1/08):	987
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