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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Intermediate School District Superintendents, Directors of Special Education, and *Early On*<sup>®</sup> Coordinators

FROM: Sally Vaughn, Ph.D. *Sally*  
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SUBJECT: Determinations Requirements under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 established new reporting requirements under Section 616, mandating states to make annual determinations on the performance of each local program serving infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and their families. Each state is required to make annual determinations on each local special education and early intervention (in Michigan, commonly known as *Early On*) program. Each local *Early On* program determination is based on selected 2005-2006 data from a local self assessment, EETRK, and the *Early On* data collection system. (The determinations for special education programs will be sent under separate cover.) The data used correspond to the State Performance Plan indicators as required by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs.

States are required to use the four determination categories outlined in the IDEA to evaluate each local early intervention program, which are:

- Meets the requirements and purposes of Part C;
- Needs assistance in implementing the requirements of Part C;
- Needs intervention in implementing the requirements of Part C; or
- Needs substantial intervention in implementing the requirements of Part C.

A more detailed memorandum from Dr. Lindy Buch, Director of the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services will be forwarded, sharing information on the local service area's determination.

We truly appreciate your efforts to improve results for young children with disabilities and their families and look forward to continuing our work with you. Please feel free to contact staff in the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services at 517-373-8483 if you have questions. Thank you.

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