

***Early On*® is Asking for Comments on State Performance Plan**

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) requires that every state develop and submit a State Performance Plan. This six-year plan will outline *Early On*'s efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part C of the IDEA 2004 by addressing the two Monitoring Priorities; Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments and General Supervision. Implementation of the Monitoring Priorities is measured through a set of fourteen (14) indicators.

These indicators are intended to measure elements of an effective early intervention system. Each indicator will have annual targets and activities set for the next six years. The Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services will be held accountable for statewide performance on each of the targets through an annual performance report. The law also requires that each *Early On* Local Service Area will be held accountable for their performance on each indicator through an annual public report developed and disseminated by the Michigan Department of Education.

IDEA 2004 further requires that the State Performance Plan is developed with broad stakeholder involvement. The Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services is soliciting input from stakeholders through the Early On Redesign process. Seven of the 14 indicators are compliance indicators that **require 100% performance every year**. Three indicators are new and require the collection of baseline data by February 2007 and progress data in February 2008.

Comments are being sought on the various activities proposed for each indicator. Please indicate for which indicator you are submitting comments. The State Performance Plan is due to the Office of Special Education Programs by December 2, 2005.

The public input period will be through November 28, 2005. Please direct comments to earlyonredesign@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your assistance.