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Dear Early On® Coordinators,

In an effort to support parents on their Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC), the Parent Involvement Committee of the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council (MICC) has updated a resource we would like to share with you.

At the October MICC meeting, the Council approved the *LICC Parent Handbook*. The goal of the handbook is to help parents better understand their role on the LICC and to connect them to statewide resources to enhance their leadership skills. We are asking you to share the *LICC Parent Handbook* with all parent members on the LICC.

In addition, a one page summary was developed for *all* parents of children in *Early On*. The purpose of this document is to let parents know what an LICC is, why it exists, and how they can be a part of it, if they are interested. It is our hope that each parent in *Early On* will receive this one page summary so they can consider getting involved at the local level.

Both documents are attached and can be found at: www.michigan.gov/micc.

Thank you for the work you do to support our parents in Michigan. We are proud to build a strong base of parent leaders who know their rights, can effectively communicate their children's needs, and can help their children develop and learn.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barb Schinderle, MICC Staff Liaison, at schinderleb@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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