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## **Recommendation for State Allocation of Funding**

### **For Early On Michigan Birth to Three Early Intervention Services for Infants and Toddlers with Delays and Disabilities**

#### **Initial Allocation**

This recommendation is based on the projected annual cost of **\$1,920** per child to cover **one hour of service per month**. While this amount is **not** sufficient to adequately serve infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities, it represents a significant initial investment on the part of the state to address the serious needs of families who have infants and toddlers eligible under Michigan's *Early On*/Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) early intervention system. The recent (October 2016) "snap shot" child count (one date in time) of eligible infants and toddlers is 10,215. The number served over one year is 20,210.

<b>Estimated Cost of Monthly Service Provision to Eligible Population</b>	
Service provision only (not including evaluation, state and local administration, child find, professional development, data reporting, evaluation, etc.)	\$19,612,800
<b>Request for Initial State Allocation for <i>Early On</i> Michigan</b>	<b>\$19,612,800</b>

While it is estimated that, on average, one hour per week would be the appropriate intensity of services for infants and toddlers eligible for *Early On*, the investment above would provide significantly support, especially for those children who do not qualify for Michigan Mandatory Special Education (about 60% of the *Early On* population).