

Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP)

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Welcome!



Introductions

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Birth to Five Early Childhood Special
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Let's Test Your Knowledge

- What does MiLEAP stand for?
- How many offices are in MiLEAP?
- Name one office/division in MiLEAP?
- Who is the Acting Director?
- What do you want to know about MiLEAP?

Today's Topics

- Executive Order
- Goals and Vision
- Structure
- Transition
- Questions



Executive Order 2023-6

- Issued in July 2023
- New Education Department
- Effective December 1, 2023
- Lead Agency change for Part C – effective July 1, 2024
- Combines personnel and programs from MDE, LARA, and LEO
- **Add link**

MiLEAP

- Goals and Vision
 - MiLEAP prioritizes education from birth through postsecondary with a focus on preparing children for kindergarten and helping more people earn a skill certificate or degree to help them get a good paying job.
- Website - <https://www.michigan.gov/mileap>

MiLEAP

- Structure
 - Department Director – Michelle Richard
 - Chief Operating Officer and Chief Legal Counsel – Jessica Weare
 - Three Deputy Directors

MiLEAP Offices

- Three Offices – Deputy Directors
 - Office of Higher Education – Vacant
 - Office of Education Partnerships – Rawlan Lillard
 - **Office of Early Childhood Education – Emily Laidlaw**

MiLEAP – Office of Higher Education

- Office Director – Vacant
 - Ensuring that every Michigander has the skill certificate or degree they need to prosper, and help employers hire the talent they need to succeed.
- Includes:
 - Sixty by 30
 - MI Student Aid
 - Scholarship and Grant Programs

MiLEAP – Office of Education Partnerships

- Office Director – Rawlan Lillard
 - Building and sustaining partnerships that enhance educational opportunities and outcomes throughout the state from preschool through postsecondary education. (Educational Partnerships)
 - Includes:
 - Governor’s Educator Advisory Council
 - Michigan PreK-12 Literacy Commission
 - Out of School Time and Summer Learning
 - 21st Century Community Learning Centers

MiLEAP – Office of Early Childhood Education

- Office Director – Emily Laidlaw
 - Ensuring that all young children meet their developmental milestones and enter kindergarten with the tools and ability to succeed in school.

MiLEAP – Office of Early Childhood Education

- Includes:
 - Child Care Licensing Bureau – Director, Vacant
 - Child Development and Care – Director, Lisa Brewer-Walraven
 - **Early Childhood Development and Family Education – Director, Jonnie Taton**
 - Head Start Collaboration – Director, Cynthia Derby
 - Preschool & Out of School Time – Director, Richard Lower
 - Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
 - Administrative & Fiscal Unit – Manager, Bethanie Kramer

Early Childhood Development & Family Education

- Director – Jonnie Taton
 - Family Services/Family Engagement & Literacy
 - Family Services Consultant, Janice Davis
 - Family Services Consultant, Brandi Fisher (Home Visiting)
 - Consultant, Shanon Everett (Early Literacy)

Early Childhood Development & Family Education - Continued

- Director – Jonnie Taton
 - Birth-5 Early Childhood Special Education
 - Early On
 - 619 Preschool Special Education
 - Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council

Early Childhood Development & Family Education - Continued

- Director – Jonnie Taton
 - Birth-5 Early Childhood Special Education
 - Manager, Janet Timbs (Also State Part C Coordinator)
 - Consultant/Part C Data Manager, Colleen O'Connor (*Early On*)
 - Consultant, Laura Goldthwait (*Early On*)
 - Consultant, Kelly Hurshe (*Early On*)
 - Consultant, Gina Birnbaum (*Early On*)
 - Coordinator, Mark Kuipers (Part B/619)
 - MICC Staff Liaison, Barb Schinderle

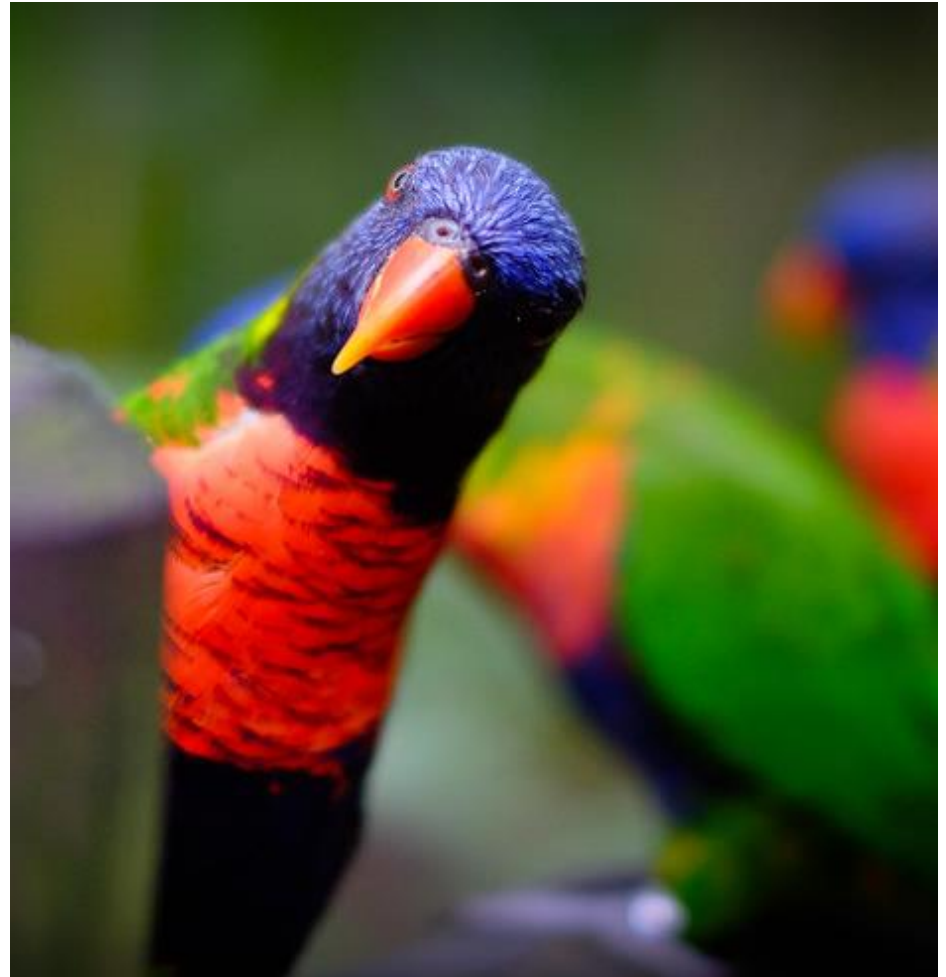
Transition to MiLEAP

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MiLEAP and Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
- Method of Payment
 - Interagency Agreement between MiLEAP, MDE, and MDHHS
- Transition from Part C to Part B
 - Interagency Agreement between MiLEAP and MDE
- State Plan and Policies
 - Stakeholder engagement will be needed

619 Preschool Special Education

- Lead Agency - MDE
- MOU between MiLEAP and MDE
- Responsibilities -
 - Accountability
 - Grant
 - Personnel
 - Implementation

Questions



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