

**PENDING FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATES
2010-2011**

Initiative: **FY 2011 Appropriations**
Lead Agency: HHS / Dept. of Ed
Current Status: The President's 2011 budget request included a \$1.6 billion increase for child care and a \$989 million increase for Head Start (including Early Head Start). The early childhood community will work to protect and expand these increases as throughout the Congressional budget and appropriations process.

Initiative: **Early Learning Challenge Grants**
Lead Agency: HHS / Dept. of Ed
Current Status: The Administration and Congress announced \$8 billion in Challenge Grants (over 8 years) as part of the House's SAFRA bill, which passed in September 2009. Companion legislation in the Senate is expected to be considered as part of the budget reconciliation package that will also address health care reform.

Initiative: **Home Visiting**
Lead Agency: HHS
Current Status: Funding for home visiting is included in both the House and Senate versions of the health care reform bill, with a \$1.5 billion funding level (over five years) in the Senate and a \$750 million funding level in the House.

Initiative: **Centers of Excellence**
Lead Agency: HHS
Current Status: Enacted; Governors are nominating high quality early childhood centers to HHS, which will award 10 grants of \$200,000 each.
Michigan Status: Completed the required competitive process for Governors nomination during December 2009 and identified the applicant eligible to apply for federal funds. The Governors nomination award has been sent to BHK Child Development Board, Head Start.

Initiative: **Race to the Top Fund**
Lead Agency: Dept. of Ed
Current Status: ARRA provided \$4.35 billion for Race to the Top in competitive grants to states to implement large-scale education reforms. States are invited to include in their applications support for "innovations for improving early learning outcomes." Phase I Race to the Top applications winners will be announced in April. Phase II applications are due June 1 with awards in September.
Michigan Status: Although Michigan was not a winner in Phase I, the Michigan Department of Education will receive feedback on the application that was submitted by April 1 and will resubmit for Phase II prior to June 1.

Initiative: **Investing in Innovation Fund**
Lead Agency: Dept. of Ed
Current Status: Passed as part of the ARRA, "i3" will award \$650 million in competitive grants to school districts and non-profits to expand innovative programs and practices that improve student achievement. One area of competitive preference for applications,

which were released in March and are due in May, is improving early learning outcomes.

Michigan Status: Participants in the Ready Kids, Ready Schools, Ready Communities TA event, co-sponsored by Michigan's Children and ECIC, as well as Project ReImagine sites are being strongly encouraged to apply for this opportunity. LEA's and non-profit/LEA partnerships are eligible to apply.

Initiative: **Elementary & Secondary Education Act Reauthorization**

Lead Agency: Dept. of Ed

Current Status: Early discussions are underway to plan for reauthorization of what was formerly known as the No Child Left Behind Act. House and Senate education committees are holding hearings throughout the spring, and the House Education and Labor Committee is accepting stakeholder comments through March 26, 2010.

Michigan Status: ECIC will be submitting comments.

Initiative: **Child Care & Development Block Grant Reauthorization**

Lead Agency: HHS

Current Status: Early discussions underway especially regarding quality improvements; no action is expected until later in 2010.

Initiative: **TANF Reauthorization**

Lead Agency: HHS

Current Status: Early discussions underway; expires in 2010 but extension likely. Mandatory child care money presents opportunity to improve quality.

Initiative: **Child and Adult Care Food Program Reauthorization**

Lead Agency: Department of Agriculture

Current Status: Discussions began in 2009; bills to improve CACFP have been introduced in both the House and Senate. Reauthorization presents an opportunity to expand funding, reduce paperwork and streamline system to reduce burden on programs. \$1B for reauthorization in FY10 budget not yet identified.

Initiative: **Child Care Facilities in FY10 Appropriations**

Lead Agency: Transportation-HUD Committee

Current Status: Senators Bond and Murray have allocated up to \$40M in the FY10 HUD appropriations to be made available for competitive grants to public housing agencies for the construction, rehabilitation or purchase of facilities to be used to provide early education, adult education, job training.

Initiative: **The Child Care Facilities Financing Act (HR 1685)**

Lead Agency: HHS

Current Status: The House version (McCarthy) was proposed in March 2009 and the Senate version (Casey/Lincoln) in May 2009. The legislation proposed \$50M a year for five years in competitive grants to non-profits and community-based agencies for the acquisition, construction and improvement of child care facilities. No existing program and no definitive timeline for passage.