


AAoM Education Initiatives




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AAoM's Education Pillar drives initiatives that address systemic barriers to education, focuses on student-centered advocacy, and educates families on related topics — working toward its goal to make Michigan a **top 10 state in preparing students with autism for the most independent life possible through an accessible, high-quality, and inclusive education.**

We are advancing an equitable education agenda for children and youth with special education needs by centering a Whole Child vision for Michigan.

The Autism Alliance Education Pillar serves as a resource hub for families, partner organizations, and state leaders in understanding core barriers related to equity and access in the education system. At the intersection of race and disability, AAoM catalyzes stakeholders to drive transparency and advocacy efforts toward system-level transformation in key areas:

Building Community Engagement & Advocacy

Increase & influence community engagement and advocacy efforts to raise awareness of and reduce barriers to quality, accessible education for students with disabilities (SwD) - leading AAoM's statewide coalition activities (MiPAAC - <https://mipaac.org/>), strengthening knowledge-building engagement, and partnering with other organizations on shared priorities.

Transforming Learning Environments

Increase inclusion and quality of learning environments for students with disabilities – leading policy reform efforts to increase system integration and behavioral support; raising awareness of disparities for SwD through disaggregated data analysis; advancing the “Blueprint for Action” to reduce the overuse of Alternate Assessments; monitoring the “Literacy For All” legislation implementation; and supporting special education workforce development.

Investing Resources Equitably & Effectively Lead

Lead special education finance reform by spearheading research and expert analysis to drive legislative efforts - develop a framework for an adequate & fair special education funding structure that will drive legislative efforts in Michigan.

Redefining Accountability Systems

Influence special education accountability systems through grassroots efforts - leading public awareness campaigns and policy advancement in key strategic areas aligned with AAoM-developed projects (Special Education Experience Survey, State Complaint Project).



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