



Welcome to Catamaran!

As you may have heard at the MAASE Summer Institute, the Michigan Department of Education is proud to announce that Catamaran will be launching on September 15, 2017! Catamaran is the system used to track activities and data related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) for the Michigan Department of Education Offices of Special Education (OSE) and Early Childhood Development and Family Education. While Catamaran is replacing CIMS, it will also encompass work in the Policy and Finance units within OSE, so work like State Complaints and Maintenance of Effort will be included. The main changes will be the look, feel, and navigation of the system, but technical processes like how to complete a CAP will not have changed.

The Catamaran team is planning multiple training opportunities, including in-person trainings, live webinar trainings, how-to instructional documents, and a brand-new [Catamaran Training Website](#)! Visit the Catamaran Training Website's [Upcoming Events](#) page to see the full list of upcoming training opportunities, and preview instructional resources. If you need accommodations (such as live closed captioning services) to attend online training opportunities, please email the Catamaran Help Desk at help@catamaran.partners.

Additional training resources and short training videos about how to complete specific tasks in Catamaran will also soon be added, but you can [watch a quick video preview of Catamaran](#) in the meantime.

Please be on the lookout for additional updates and information about the launch of Catamaran. Also, please add help@catamaran.partners to your contacts list to make sure you keep receiving important updates about your work in Catamaran. We're looking forward to September 15th and hope you are too!

Best,

The Catamaran Team

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