



# Looking back and looking forward at OER progress in Michigan

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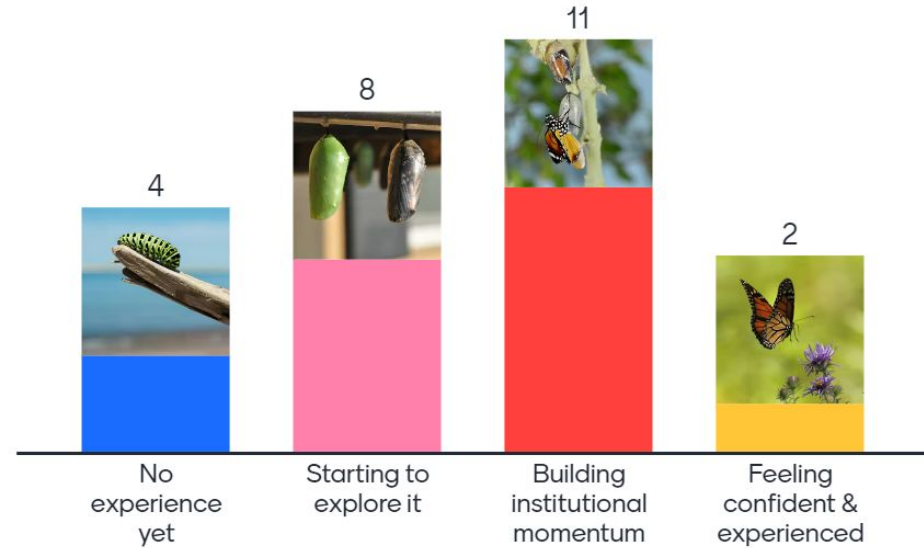
# Menti.com Instruction Slide

We will be encouraging active participation throughout this session!

The slides will be shared in their Google Slides form for **accessible reading and review** after the conference ends. Slide 2 of the [Menti presentation](#) shows instructions for joining as a participant.

# What best describes your current experience level with Open Educational Resources (OER)?

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# Defining an OER Program

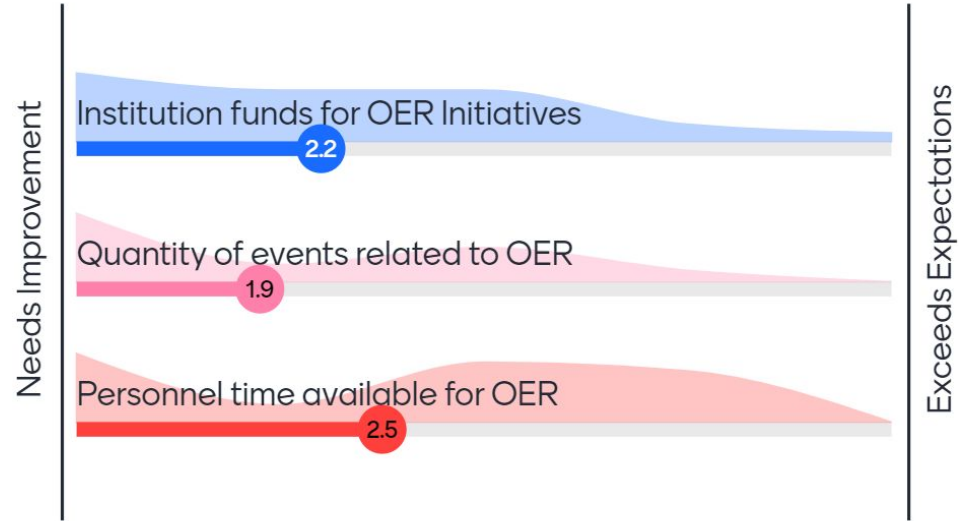
Our current working draft definition:

An **OER program or initiative** is defined as ongoing coordinated support for OER with an identified contact person.

*If you have suggestions for aspects of this definition we have missed, please share with us after the presentation!*

Before we get started,  
how would you describe  
OER programming at  
your institution?

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# Affordability Beyond OER

Other types of materials/programs one could consider as part of a **textbook affordability program** include:

- Library materials
- Course reserves
- free but not open
- equitable access bookstore model
- Inclusive access bookstore model

***Menti Discussion Question:***

*What changes, if any, would you make to the affordability list we provided here?*

*(RESULTS ON NEXT SLIDE)*

# Menti Discussion on Affordability

## Suggestions to add:

- Technology Loans
- Controlled Digital Lending
- Rental Textbooks
- Support for Non-Digital Items
- Subsidizing bookstore, or alternatives to bookstore

## Suggestions to remove:

- Inclusive Access x2
- Equitable Access

# Statewide Context



Whereas Michigan is a GoOpen state on the K-12 level, it lacks institutional/statewide structures that could function to coordinate or advocate for open at the higher ed level such as:

- a statewide academic library consortium
- department of higher education
- state university system

The Michigan OER action team launched the MI OER Network in 2020 in order to serve as a collective voice for the P-20 community and to encourage the development and use of OER.



# A Brief History of Our Group

- Completed 2018 Statewide OER Capacity Survey followed by MHEC Summit
- Formed the MI OER Network in 2020
- Took over planning of MI OER Summit from MCCA
- Launched MI OER Network website and Google Group
- Partnered with MiALA to host MiExpLOER certificate

**August 12th Keynote:**  
***What We Got Right and Wrong in Open Ed: A 20-year Retrospective***

**Dr. Lisa Petrides**

*Founder and CEO of ISKME,  
an independent education non-profit known for its pioneering  
open education initiatives*



Michigan OER Network presents the 2021 Michigan OER Virtual Summit: August 11-12

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## MI ExpLOER

A Self-Paced Course Designed for Higher Education

Launch into the OER Universe! This course includes eight self-paced online learning modules that serve as an introduction to Open Educational Resources (OER) in Higher Education. An additional section provides opportunities for further exploration and discovery of OER initiatives in Michigan. While the modules may be completed in any order, it is recommended that you progress in order. Each module concludes with Concept Review sections to test your knowledge.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Define Open Educational Resources
- Explain the rationale for OER adoption and use

# Recent Highlights



**MI OER Mini-Conference**

Gather,  
Network,  
Learn!

October 6, 2023  
Wayne State University  
Detroit, Michigan

Register now:  
[mioer.org/events/miniconf](https://mioer.org/events/miniconf)

**M**  
Michigan OER Network

Come together with other members of the Michigan OER community to meet and exchange ideas at this in-person, networking-centered mini-conference.

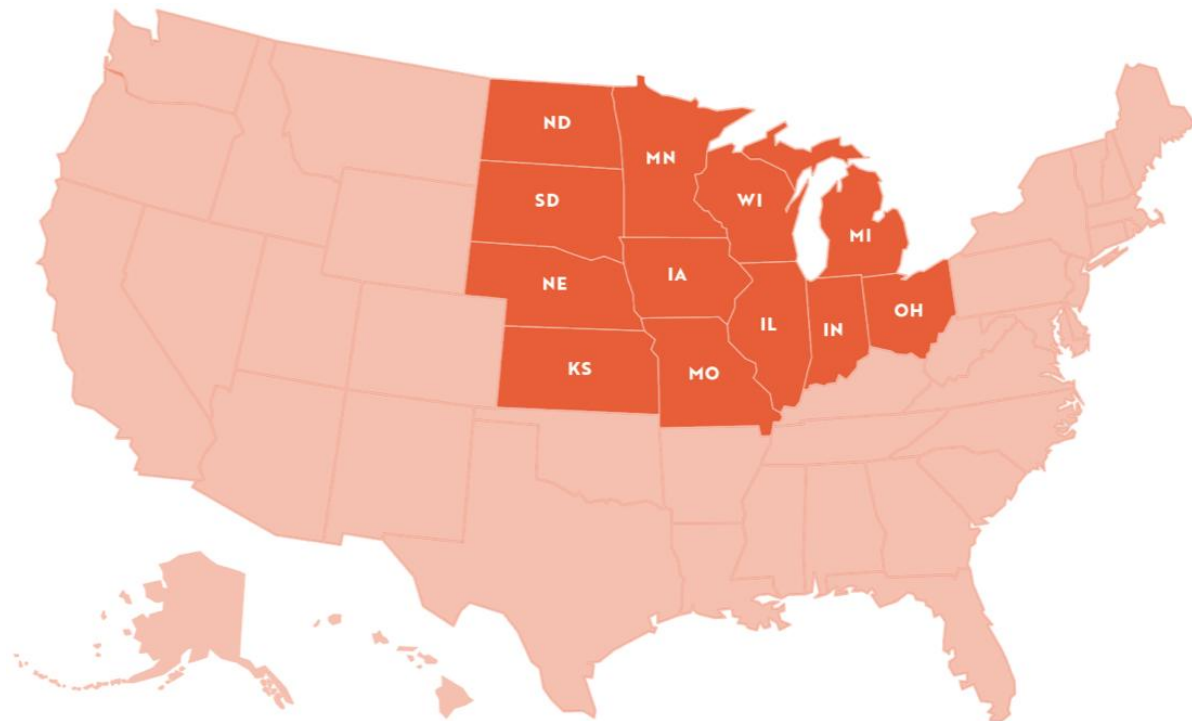
A photograph showing a group of people at a networking event, with some individuals standing near a display board.

- Held MI OER Mini-Conference
  - Theme: Gather, Network, Learn
  - October 6th, 2023 at Wayne State University
  - 47 in-person attendees
- Reviewed the Mission statement & vision in preparation for strategic visioning/planning process
- Started plans for additional virtual offerings
- Began planning for upcoming in-person conference
  - **Save the Date!** September 20th, 2024
  - Host: Grand Rapids Community College

# A snapshot of OER in the Midwest region

How do we compare to states in our region?

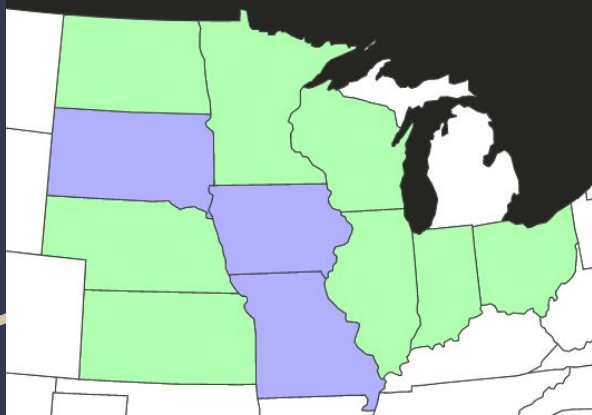
We review the 12 states that are part of Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) since 2018.



Map of MHEC States, Source:

<https://www.mhec.org/policy-research/mhec-interactive-dashboard>

# How do we compare? A snapshot of the Midwest region since 2018



## Structure

- 3 of 12 states have statewide staff OER position
- 7 of 12 states have statewide OER committee/team\*

## State Systems

- 11 of 12 states have Department on Higher Ed (or equivalent)
- 11 of 12 states have a Public University System
- 8 of 12 states of a Community College System

*\*includes MI*

## How do we compare? A snapshot of the Midwest region since 2018

### Legislation & Financial Support

- 2 of 12 states indicate no cross-institutional funding support beyond MHEC
- 5 of 12 states have funded OER efforts in Higher Ed through legislation (one time or recurring)
- 7 of 12 states have passed legislation that includes mention of support for OER in higher education
- 9 of 12 states have received grant or legislated funds to support statewide efforts

# How do we compare? A snapshot of the Midwest region since 2018

## Infrastructure:

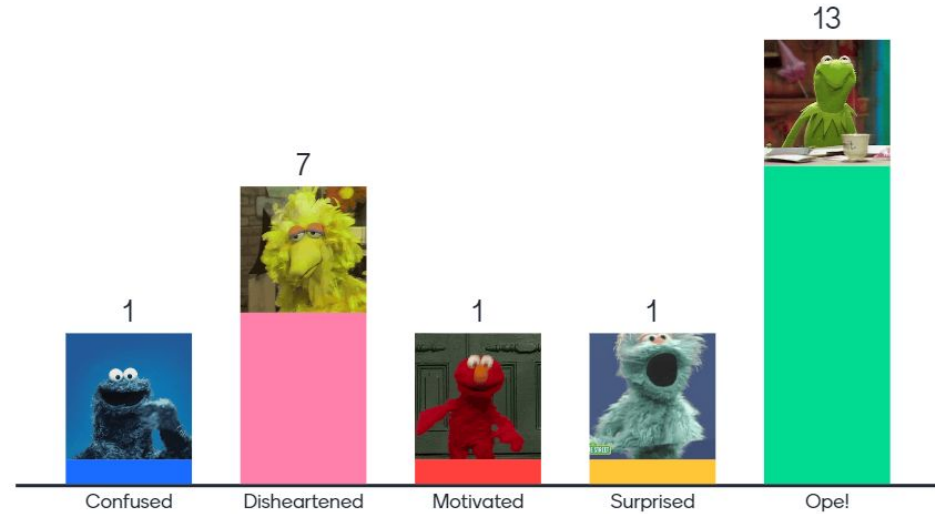
- 10 of 12 states have statewide or like-institution repository and/or publishing platform\*
- 3 of 12 states have collective reporting mechanism\*
- 6 of 12 states have offered faculty grants

## Key Features:

- Learning communities and professional development across institutions
- Degree pathways / Z degrees
- Course markings for college systems

# What best fits your initial reactions to the state comparisons?

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# Where are we going next?

- **Short Term Goals**
  - Information gathering
  - Identify priority areas & create subcommittees
- **Mid Term Goals**
  - Recruit subcommittee members
  - Communicate and collaborate with MiLEAP and MCLS
  - Identify strategic relationships for policy action
  - 2024 MI OER Conference
- **Long Term Goals**
  - Create Capacity survey report & adjust priority areas based on survey
  - Plan statewide summit for OER leadership in higher education
  - Hold training session on how to advocate for policy and legislation related to OER



How do we get Michigan out of an “every institution for themselves” model to one of shared planning and resources, so we are not duplicating effort without obtaining scale?

## **Group Discussion In the Room**

*We also have a question in Menti to collect responses to a related question:*

What are possible partnership and collaboration opportunities you can think of for the Michigan OER Network to be more valuable to our community?

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# Menti Discussion on Collaboration

- Focus on 1-3 compelling goals we can all get behind
- We need to share publishing and repository platforms rather than paying for every institution to support them
- Would love a multi institution project for a big US department of Ed grant or an AAC&U learning community type initiative
- Using the Google group or a shared drive, maybe have a place to house people's materials & each of us ensure we contribute
- I hear criticism from faculty that the OERs they see aren't of quality, I wish there was a way create things that could be used more universally.
- I'd love an oer/affordable textbooks tag in the course registration search results. Or even a filter.
- Higher ed lobbyists
- Library of Michigan, MeL contracts
- Getting buy in from other academic organizations and conferences (e.g. Lilly, AAUP, AFT)
- Leverage MASU COLD group to advocate leadership and funding
- Leverage Consortia like MCLS to coordinate these efforts.
- Having a statewide staff OER position; continue building committee/subcommittee members across the state; Present OER to administration and explain the manipulative marketing tactics of publishers
- Sharing requirements if granted funding

# Input on Capacity Survey for Higher Education


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In what areas of OER work do you/your institution need support? What do you need help with?

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# Menti Discussion on Support

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- PD offerings
- OER in more subjects
- Awareness
- More stories to share that demonstrate impact of OER
- Mechanism for peer review of Michigan authored OER
- Advocacy with university admin and state funders
- How to "sell" stakeholders on OER; How to convince faculty of the benefits of OER; More data on the effectiveness and impacts of OER
- Filter in course registration menu for free text courses
- Figuring out how to centralize OER efforts on campus
- More homework and other things usually bundled w/IA
- Michigan publishing consortium; publishing support
- Talking points for administrators
- Updating older OER
- State ban of inclusive access
- State ban of having to pay to submit homework
- Working with K-12 efforts
- Administration buy in
- buy-in from teaching support centers, buy-in from administration, workload reduction or additional stipends to do the work
- Familiarity with oer ancillary materials - there's a lot out there to support faculty beyond textbooks
- Faculty buy-in...feels like pulling teeth
- Faculty are discussing dropping OER because they feel it's too much work; small staff means we can't support them how we want

# Concluding thoughts & call to action

- Join the MI OER Network email discussion list at [mioer.org/join](https://mioer.org/join)
- Join new MI OER Network committees by emailing [info@mioer.org](mailto:info@mioer.org)
  - Conference Planning
  - Community/Outreach
  - Professional Development
  - Policy/Advocacy
- Attend 2024 MI OER Conference
  - To be held on 9/20/24
  - Hosted by Grand Rapids CC
  - Call for proposals opens on 6/15/24

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