





# MITTIN: Empowering Learners. Strengthening Independence.

# FY 2026 Request: "Remote Learning Library (51g)"

MITTIN provides innovative digital content supported by curricular resources to bridge gaps between the classroom and the outside world.

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**MITTIN** is a groundbreaking initiative committed to equipping students with the skills and tools necessary for independent living and meaningful participation in their communities. By blending cutting-edge technology with practical, real-world applications, MITTIN fosters autonomy and self-sufficiency. This dynamic collection of free modules and curricular resources, accessible to Michigan parents, educators, and learners, supports the development of essential life skills. These resources are free and available to all parents, schools, educators and learners in Michigan. MITTIN is a partnership of the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE), Michigan Council for Exceptional Children (MCEC), Great Lakes Reality Labs (GLRL) and Public Policy Associates (PPA).

## MITTIN brings real-life experiences to learners who are working to achieve post-secondary goals.

The resources allow learners to practice independent living skills with varying levels of complexity. Currently, there are 16 modules, with 3 more scheduled to be launched by September 2025. The topics may be used individually and sequenced to create more complicated, interconnected tasks. Robust curricular resources and professional learning opportunities for teachers accompany the library to support implementation.

Michigan is at the forefront of providing high-quality, virtual instructional materials for students with disabilities and is receiving national attention for this innovative project.

## **Benefits of MITTIN**

The many benefits of using MITTIN instructional resources include:

- Supporting learners in need of more instructional time;
- Preparing learners who may not have as much access to the community to learn and practice skills;
- Reaching learners in all areas of the state—including remote and rural areas;
- Creating connections between classroom, home and community to ensure generalization of skills;
- Scaffolding tasks from guided to independent practice to promote safety and fluency;
- Providing support to teachers, families and organizations to ensure ready access to these learning resources.

To find out more about MITTIN, please visit: <u>https://www.maase.org/mittin</u>