

Michigan Office of Great Start established by Governor Rick Snyder within Michigan Department of Education

On June 29, 2011, Governor Snyder signed Executive Order 2011-8 creating the Michigan Office of Great Start within the state Department of Education. A key goal of this office is to consolidate numerous early childhood programs and resources into a single office within the Department to provide a great start for all Michigan's young children through its responsive, high quality programs. The Office of Child



Development and Care and the Head Start State Collaboration Office within the Department of Human Services will join the Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services to create the Michigan Office of Great Start.

This collaboration creates an opportunity to strategically coordinate the funding sources for early childhood programs and manage a coherent system of health and early learning programming that aligns, integrates and coordinates Michigan's investments from prenatal to third grade. In addition to helping ensure children are developmentally on track, the new office will reduce duplication and administrative overhead costs.

The Michigan Office of Great Start is part of Governor Snyder's broader education reform agenda outlined in his special message on Reinventing Michigan's Education System given April 27, 2011. To view this special message, please visit www.mi.gov/snyder.