

**BLENDING AND BRAIDING FUNDING**

# Childbirth Preparation Education Incentive Program

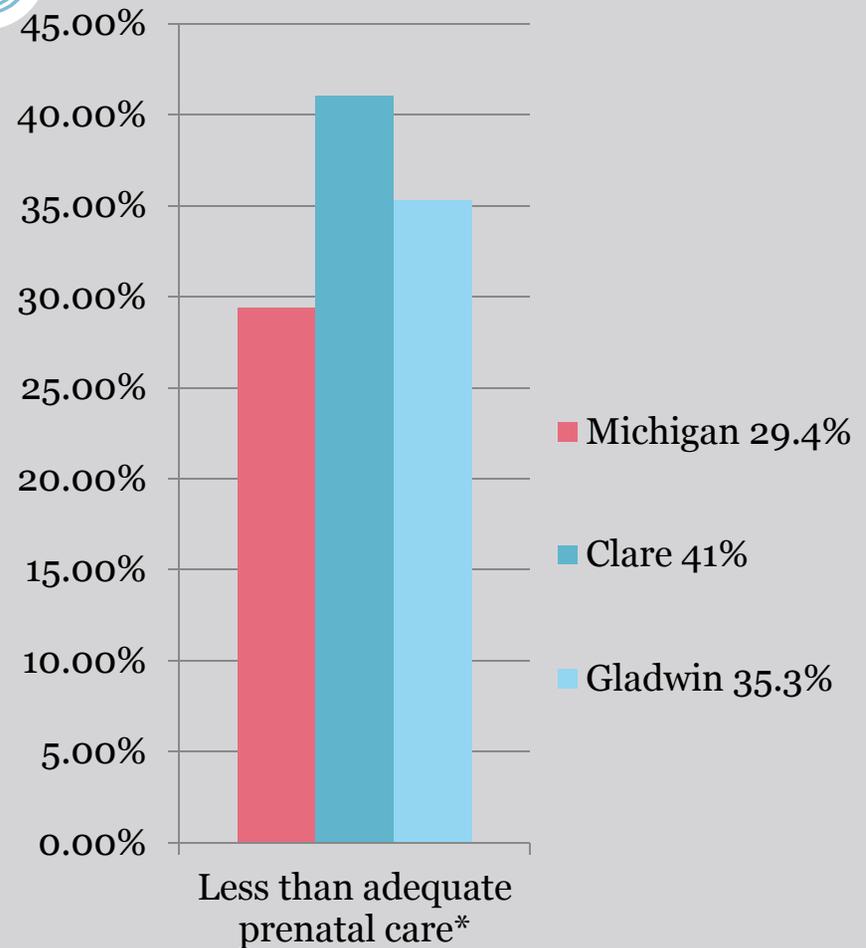


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# Identifying the Need

- Limited OB/Prenatal supports and services
- Services available not being utilized
- Kids Count Data\*
- Early Childhood Outcome: Children are born healthy



# Strengthening Partnerships



## Clare-Gladwin Great Start Collaborative

Resources to Provide Incentive Items



## MidMichigan Health

Facilities and Staff Member to Conduct Childbirth Classes



Central Michigan District Health Department  
*Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities*

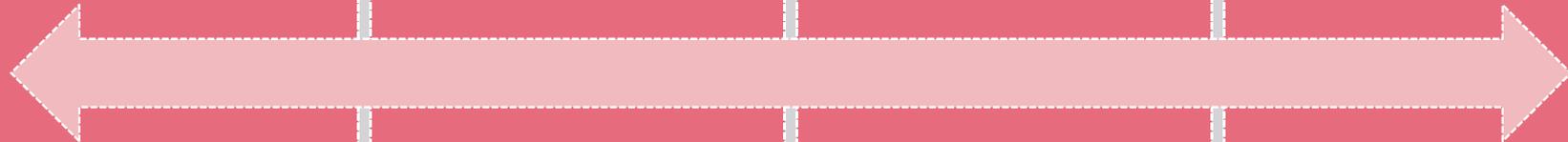
## Central Michigan District Health Department

Access to Target Population of At risk Pregnant Moms  
Car Seat Installation



## Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Councils

Clare County Youth Council  
Gladwin County CAN Council  
Funding for Pack 'N Plays



# Implementing the Program



**Referral Form**

*Clare-Gladwin RESD for MidMichigan Health-Gladwin Subsidiary  
Preparation for Childbirth Class*



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Labor Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Medicaid Coverage?  Yes  No OB/GYN \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS INFORMATION** *(Two Day Saturday Classes; All class times are 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)*

Please select the two-day class you'd like to attend:

March 14 and 21 at MidMichigan Health Park – Harrison  
 June 6 and 13 at MidMichigan Physician's Professional Building – Gladwin  
 September 19 and 26 at MidMichigan Health Park – Harrison  
 December 5 and 12 at MidMichigan Physician's Professional Building – Gladwin  
 Please contact me to set up an individual meeting time.

Select the free baby care item of your choice: (Received upon class completion)

Car Seat  Pack and Play

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Person/Agency Referring: \_\_\_\_\_ Referral Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax completed referral form to:  
Julie Wright 989-246-6477 and Mollie Ferency 989-386-3238

- Developed referral form
  - Shared with Health Dept., MidMichigan Health, and RESD Early Childhood Office
  - Referrals faxed to both GSC Coordinator and Community Education Nurse

# Implementing the Program (continued)



- Created resource bags to include with incentive item
  - GSC/Parent Coalition
  - Early On
  - Additional Local Resources
  - Infant/Toddler Oral Health (Michigan Caries Prevention Program)

# Implementing the Program (continued)



- **Classes completed in March and June, and will continue**
  - Pack 'N Plays and Certificates for Car Seats distributed to participants following class
  - Success! Approx. 25 items given so far (an increase from 2 participants in classes prior to program)
  - Six pregnant moms already registered for September

# Blending Funding



<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>What it Provided</b>
Medicaid	Class Registration and Transportation Reimbursement
32p Block Grant	Incentive Items (Provisions to Eliminate Barriers)
Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Prevention Councils	Pack 'N Plays
Michigan Caries Prevention Program	Infant/Toddler Oral Health Care Products
Central Michigan District Health Department	Car Seats (if needed) and Car Seat Installation
MidMichigan Health (Pending)	Incentive Items

# Challenges

- **Logistics**
  - Keeping track of registrants
  - Storage space
  - Delivery of items to families
- **Concern for Funding**
  - Will there be enough to sustain the program?



# Solutions



Challenges	Solutions
<p><b>Logistics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keeping track of registrants</li><li>• Storage space</li><li>• Multiple class locations</li><li>• Delivering items to families</li></ul>	<p><b>Logistics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New procedure implemented</li><li>• Pack ‘N Plays are shipped directly to class locations</li><li>• Car Seats are shipped directly to Health Dept.</li></ul>
<p><b>Concern for Funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will there be enough to sustain program?</li></ul>	<p><b>Concern for Funding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submitted funding request to MidMichigan Health for \$1,000</li><li>• Pursue additional grant opportunities</li><li>• Budget for the future</li></ul>

# Questions?



**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!**

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# Accessing High Quality Pre-K in Kalamazoo County

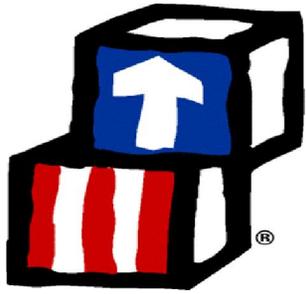
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Head Start





**Head Start**



**Kalamazoo County**

A partner of the  
Early Childhood Investment Corporation



KALAMAZOO COUNTY



**KC Ready4s**

**Kalamazoo  
RESA**

*Enhancing your  
school and community*



**Child Care  
Resources**

**PRIVATE PROVIDERS**

# Where can you find us?

**HOMES**



**CHILD CARE CENTERS**

**CHURCHES**

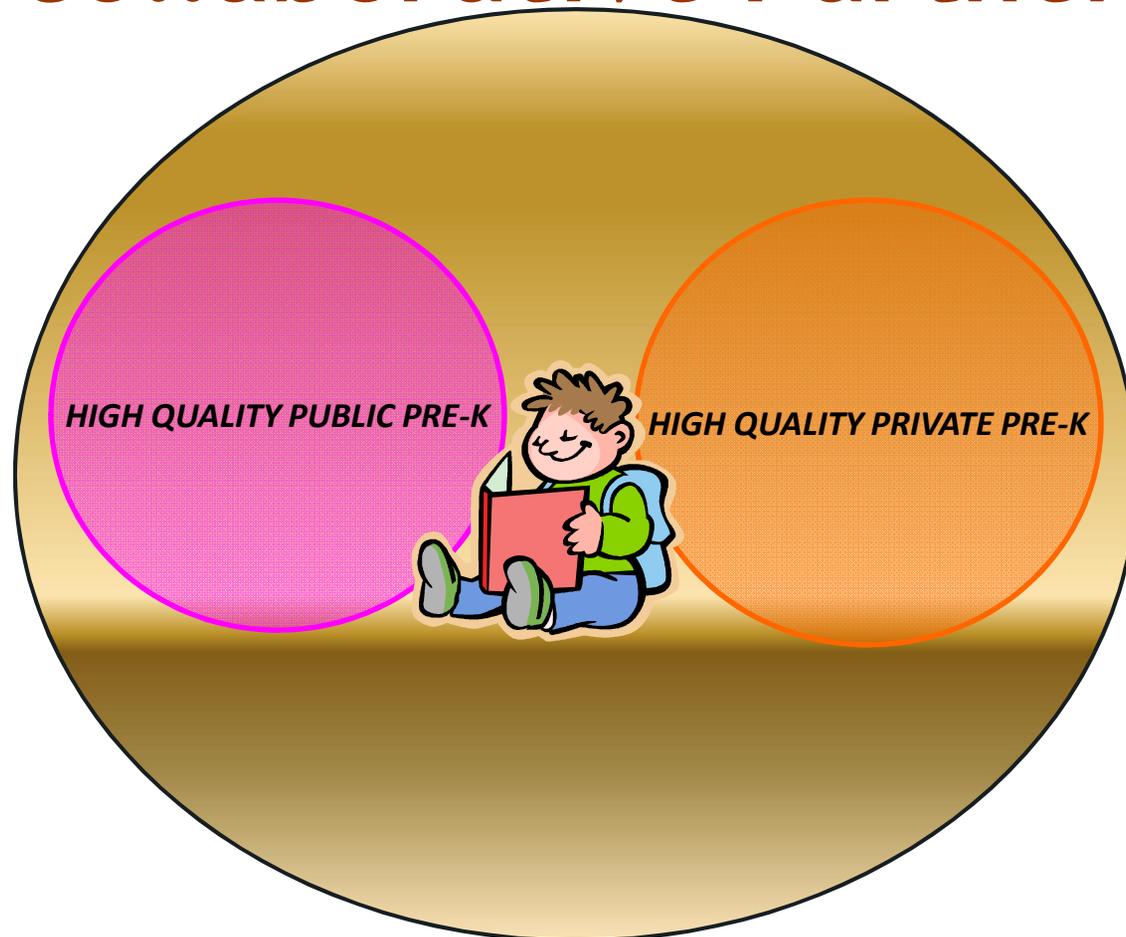


**SCHOOLS**



**PRIVATE CHILDCARE CENTERS**

# *Collaborative Partners*



# How do I qualify?

- ▶ 0-100% of Poverty Qualifies for Head Start
- ▶ 100%-250% of Poverty Qualifies for GSRP/Over 250%, families are considered if there are State defined risk factors with a sliding fee scale
- ▶ Sliding fee scale used to determine eligibility for KC Ready 4s' funding

The Goal is Pre-K for all 4-year-olds in Kalamazoo County!



# WHERE TO TURN YOUR APP IN?

- ▶ Any public school district, private GSRP provider, Head Start office, KC Ready 4s office, KRESA
- ▶ OR register on line at [dreambigstartsmall.org](http://dreambigstartsmall.org)
- ▶ OR call 269-250-9333 anytime during regular work hours and get your questions answered!

1/1/2013  
**PREKINDERGARTEN APPLICATION**  
 Great Start Readiness Program / Head Start / Kalamazoo County / KC Ready 4's

Child's Legal Name (Last, First, Middle): \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Preference:  Part Day  Full Day (Not available in all programs; priority given to parents working or going to school full time)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, and ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Apartment Complex Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Pick-up Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, and ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Drop-off Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3: Child Information

Race (Check all that apply):  Black or African American  American Indian or Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  White  Unspecified (Other)

Ethnicity:  Asian  Hispanic or Latino  Not Hispanic or Latino

Family Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Lives with:  Foster Care  Mother  Father  Both Parents  Grandparent  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship:  Parent  Legal Guardian  Grandparent  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers w/Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4: Education

Education (Check highest level):  No High School Diploma  High School Diploma  GED or High School Diploma - Highest Grade  9  10  11

Section 5: Employment or Other

Employment or Other (Check all that apply):  Employed part-time (Less than 20 hours per week)  Employed full-time (More than 20 hours per week)  Attends school or college  Home by choice  Unemployed

Section 6: Family's Current Living Situation

Is the child or your family currently living:  in your own or rented home  in a foster home  in a temporary housing situation  with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship  in a shelter  without a fixed nighttime residence

**OVER**



KALAMAZOO COUNTY  
**P R E - K**

Number of 4-Year-Olds (approx.)	Number Who receive Head Start services	Number Who Qualify for GSRP
3000	284	2094



# GSRP Programs Located in Public Schools

## ▶ Kalamazoo-PEEP Office

- ▶ Greenwood Elementary School  
3501 Moreland Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

## ▶ Vicksburg-B4K

- ▶ Indian Lake
- ▶ Toby
- ▶ Sunset

## ▶ Portage

- ▶ Woodland Elementary  
1401 Woodland Dr.  
Portage, MI 49024

## ▶ Galesburg

- ▶ Galesburg-Augusta Primary School  
315 W. Battle Creek St.  
Galesburg, MI 49053

## ▶ Gull Lake

- ▶ Kellogg Elementary.  
9746 E. M-89  
Richland, MI 49088

## ▶ Parchment

- ▶ Parchment Early Learning Center  
Northwood Elementary (East wing of the building)  
600 Edison St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

## ▶ Comstock

- ▶ Contact KRESA @ 269.250.9640

## ▶ Climax Scotts

- ▶ Climax Scotts Elementary School  
11245 East QR Ave  
Scotts MI. 49088

## ▶ Schoolcraft

- ▶ Schoolcraft Early Elementary School  
300 East Cass  
Schoolcraft, MI 49087





## *GSRP Programs Located with Private Providers*

- ▶ Bullfrogs & Butterflies Christian Learning Center
- ▶ Child Development Center - Augusta
- ▶ Child Development Center - Evergreen
- ▶ Child Development Center - Forest
- ▶ Comstock Community Learning Center
- ▶ Discovery Center
- ▶ Heart & Hands Preschool
- ▶ Hilltop Preschool
- ▶ Kids Crossing Learning Center
- ▶ Learning Village - Lake Street
- ▶ Little Lambs Learning Center
- ▶ Nature's Way Preschool
- ▶ New Genesis Learning Center
- ▶ Parchment Early Learning Center
- ▶ PreK International Child Care Center
- ▶ WMU Children's Place
- ▶ YWCA Children's Center





### Head Start

422 E. South Street

For eligibility information, please call 269-250-9846

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| KRESA West Campus        | Comstock STEM School         |
| Northeastern Elementary  | Parchment Northwood El       |
| Galesburg Elementary     | Curious Kids Portage         |
| Vicksburg Elementary     | Lincoln International School |
| St. Joseph School        | Westnedge Elementary         |
| Winchell Elementary      |                              |
| Portage Community Center |                              |
| Christian Life Center    |                              |
| Comstock North El        |                              |



### KC Ready 4s

157 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 90, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

KC Ready 4s works with licensed, private providers in helping them reach 4 or 5 stars under Michigan's Great Start to Quality system. To date:

- 48 providers are associated with KC Ready 4s
- 30 of the 48 have achieved 4 or 5 stars
- 17 private providers are also GSRP sites



# Successes and Challenges

## ▶ Successes

- ▶ Common Application
- ▶ Common Student Information System (Child Plus)
- ▶ Common Recruitment Plan
- ▶ Shared Professional Development
- ▶ More Children are attending Pre-K countywide
- ▶ Shared message about Pre-K
- ▶ Increased trust and awareness about Pre-K

## ▶ Challenges

- ▶ Desegregating Pre-K Classrooms because the money is tied to poverty level.
- ▶ Following everybody's rules
  - ▶ Federal Government
  - ▶ State Government
  - ▶ Local Funders

# What Does Blending/Braiding Look Like in Kalamazoo County Pre-K

## ▶ Head Start

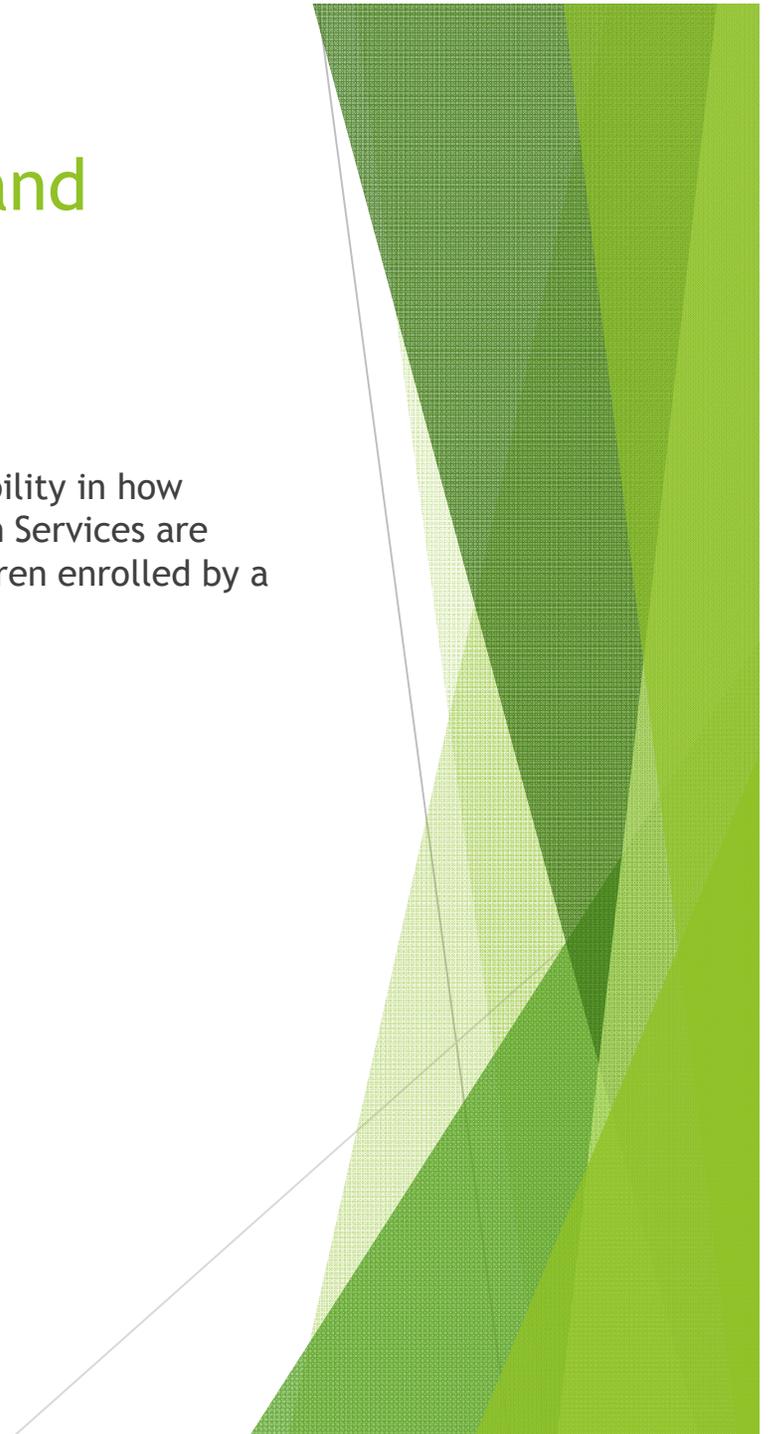
- ▶ Blend: 100% of 4 year olds are head start eligible. 50% of funding from Head Start and 50% of funding from GSRP
- ▶ Braid: In a classroom of 18 children, 5 may be 100% funded out of GSRP but receive Head Start Services

## ▶ GSRP Classrooms/KC Ready 4's

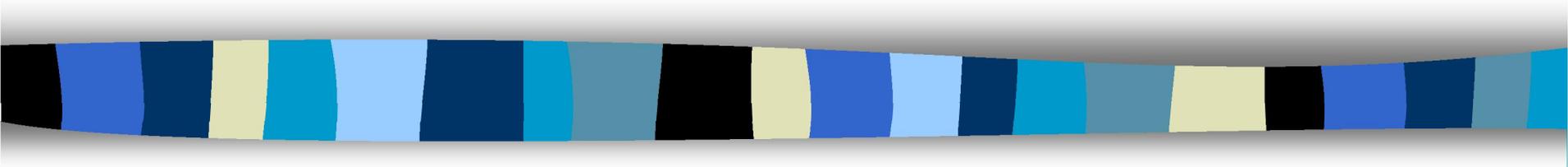
- ▶ Blend: Children may receive some of their day funded out of GSRP and some of their day out of KC Ready 4's
- ▶ Braid: Children may be funded either by GSRP, KC Ready 4s, or self-pay

# Next Steps to flexibly Braiding and Blending Classrooms

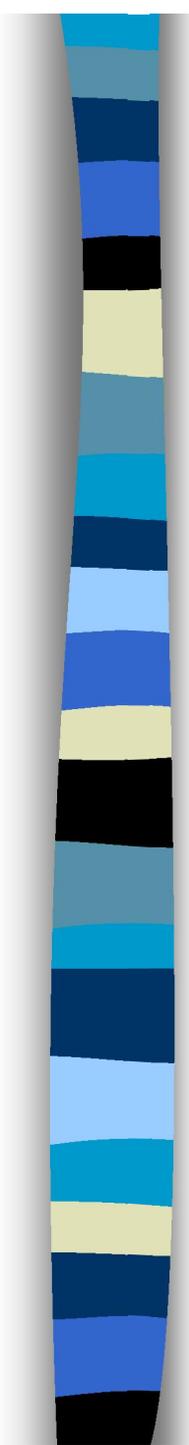
- ▶ Gain deeper understanding of Head Start regulations around children in the classroom that are not Head Start Eligible. What services need to be provided?
- ▶ How would Head Start Services be efficiently delivered if children were spread across 100 different sites?
- ▶ What would need to occur in order for children's families to want to enroll their child in a Head Start Classroom?
- ▶ Is there any flexibility in how Special Education Services are provided to children enrolled by a private provider?



# Inclusion at the MSU Child Development Laboratories, Haslett campus

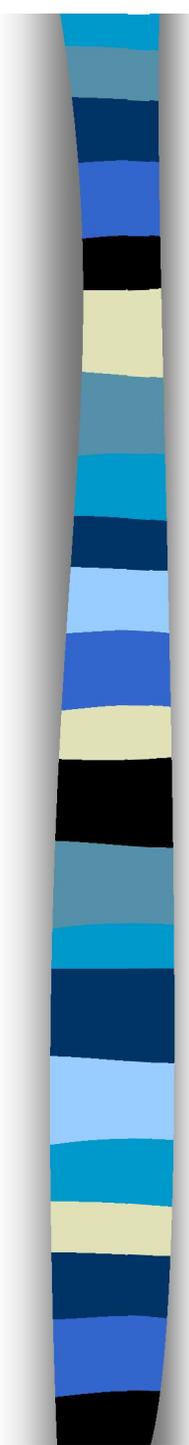


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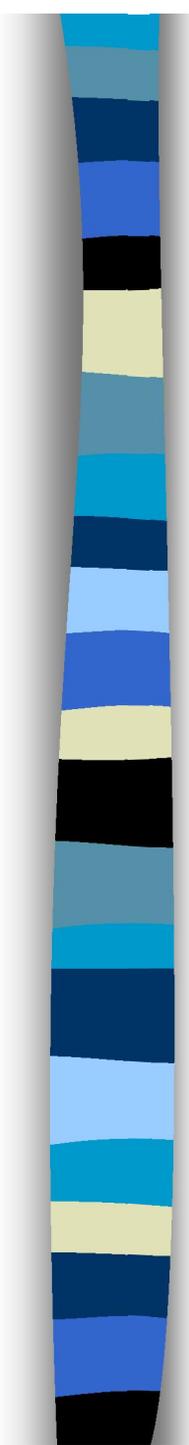
# Collaborating Partners

- Haslett Public Schools
- C.A.C.S. Head Start
- Michigan State University Child Development Laboratories



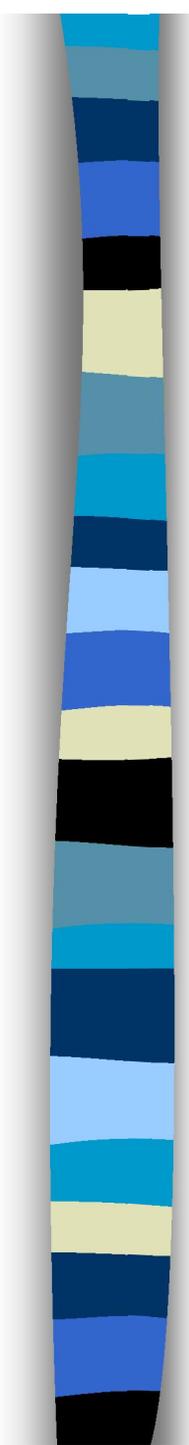
# Staffing

- Head Teachers with Master degrees in Child Development and Bachelor degrees in Special Education, Early Childhood Spec Ed, or Child Development
- Student teachers with a minimum of two years in child development
- Early Childhood Special Education Teacher consultant
- Speech and language pathologist
- Occupational and physical therapists per IEP



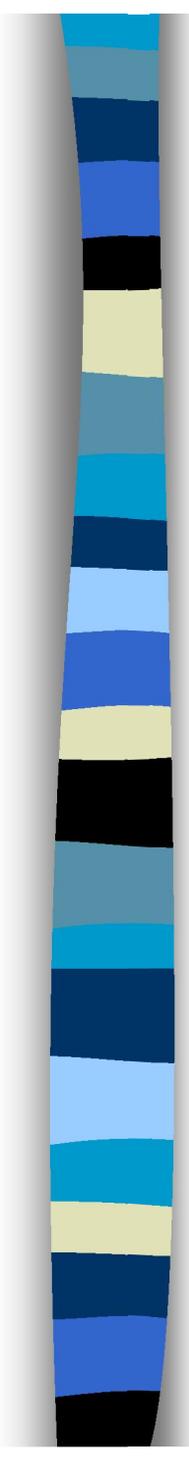
# Programming

- Special Education Teacher Consultant assigned exclusively to the program
- Children integrated across classrooms for balance
- Ancillary services provided on site, within classrooms
- Resources and materials fit needs of children
- Half day programming, Monday-Thursday



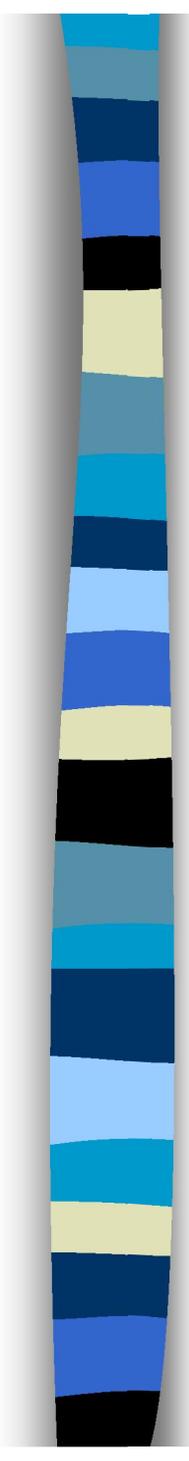
# Classroom composition

- Children enrolled through Haslett Special Education Program
- Children enrolled through Head Start
- Children enrolled through parent paid tuition
- Children enrolled through GSRP except in 3 year old classroom



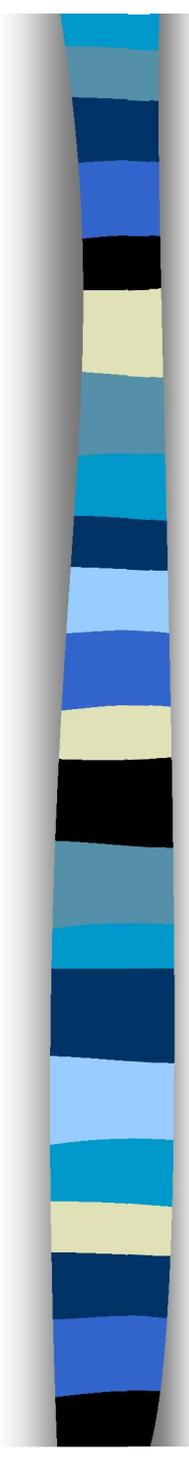
# Rule 55

- R 340.1755: Early childhood special education services:
- provided by an approved early childhood special education teacher or approved related services staff to young children birth through age 5 based upon the child's individual needs as specified by the IEP or the combined IEP/IFSP, as appropriate.
- Related services staff work under the supervision of an approved early childhood special education teacher.
- Provided for a minimum of 2 hours per week, but not less than 72 clock hours within 180 school days..



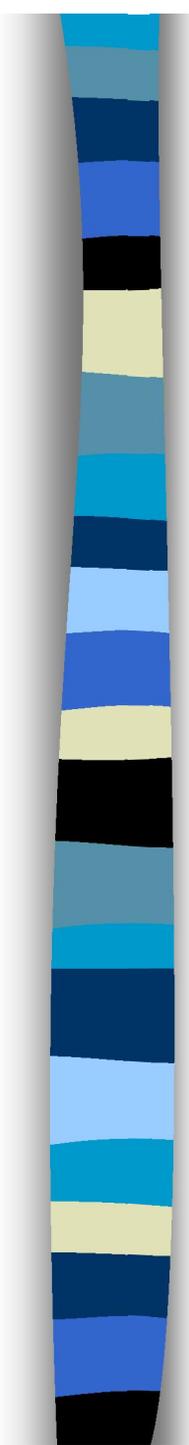
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- Braiding various programs and requirements
- Shared meaning



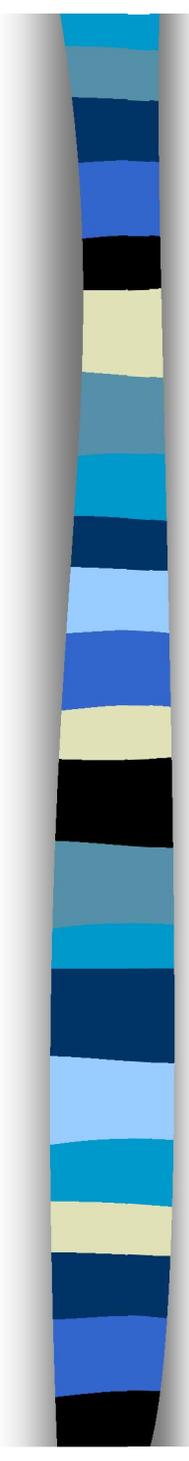
# Strategies for success

- Meet highest program standard across all programming
- Weekly meetings
- Working with “point person” from each program
- Set goals for programming
- Develop the infrastructure
- Develop early in the process a universal language
- Maintain flexibility in the definition of roles
- Transition planning
- Shared professional development
- COMMUNICATION!
- New ZS endorsement supports inclusion in early childhood settings



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Tours of the program available.