

MIHP IMPORTANT UPDATE

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** Sent on behalf of the Early Childhood Operations Team **

The Early Childhood Operations Team (ECOT), an interagency collaboration of Early Childhood Programs, is excited to share an invitation to participate in an important survey that will gather valuable information about Michigan's early childhood ecosystem. This survey is an important step towards understanding the immediate needs of the early childhood workforce.

Why Your Voice Matters: Understanding your experience, and that of your colleagues, can help guide the decisions of Michigan's leadership as it seeks to refine the goals, strategies and actions that drive policy making in early childhood. Your insight will impact the future of the early childhood system for years to come.

Who We Need

1. Current early childhood professionals
2. Former early childhood professionals from the past two years
3. Individuals currently enrolled in early childhood training programs

In the following roles:

- Early childhood staff working in programs serving families (Classroom and assistant teachers, aides, **home visitors**, *Early On*. providers, childcare providers)
- Consultants (including social/emotional), coaches, or mentors.
- Local program administrators/managers/supervisors/directors

In the following programs:

- Childcare centers or home-based programs (licensed or license-exempt providers) serving children aged 0-5
- Great Start Readiness Program, Early Head Start/Head Start and other prekindergarten programs.
- Early intervention (*Early On*) and early childhood special education (Build Up) programs.

• Home visiting programs (Family Spirit, Healthy Families America, Infant Mental Health, Maternal Infant Health, Nurse-Family Partnership, Parents as Teachers, Early Head Start Home Based, and Play and Learn Strategies)

Your Impact and Incentive: Fifteen participants will be randomly selected to receive a \$100 gift card. The survey will take approximately 20-30 minutes of your time. Your survey responses will be kept anonymous and confidential.

Act Now – Survey Open until January 16, 2024: Embrace this opportunity to be a part of something transformative.

[Click here to begin the survey.](#)

Looking forward to your valuable participation.

Warm regards,

The Early Childhood Operations Team (ECOT) of Michigan

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