



Community Partners

Great Start Collaboratives (GSCs)

- Locally driven systems building bodies bringing together multiple stakeholders to work at the local level to advance Michigan's four child outcomes
- Works to understand the communities' strengths and challenges within their local early childhood system and create a strategic plan.
- Connected to businesses, philanthropy, faith based communities, Health and Human Services, Community Mental Health Services, private health care including mental health, juvenile and family court, etc. within community.



Great Start Family Coalitions (GSFCs)

- Groups of parents and caregivers who work in connection with GSCs to provide voice to the larger early childhood systems efforts with the goal to engage more families in early childhood services and programs.
- Provide a customer perspective for the GSCs; educate community members about the importance of early childhood; support the GSC's work toward achieving Michigan's early childhood outcomes; and provide information, education and resources to parents raising young children.



Great Start to Quality Resource Centers (GSQ RCs)

- Provide resources and support to programs (including those not participating in GSQ) to help ensure families have access to high quality programs.
- Provide professional development and training opportunities.
- Assistance in finding and selecting quality child care, preschool and school-age programs.
- Connections to resources that help families pay for child care.

