

About the Michigan Coordinated Eligibility and Enrollment Project

The Michigan Office of Great Start (OGS) is seeking to build local capacity to implement community-based coordinated eligibility and enrollment systems

Coordinated eligibility and enrollment (CEE) is a systems-building approach that aims to address the current fragmented nature of early learning and family support systems to ensure that all young children and their families can benefit from the full range of services and supports available to them. CEE systems have several important goals:

- Better meet the needs of children and families
- Help ensure equitable access to programs and services
- Allocate limited resources more efficiently
- Promote effective service delivery

OGS has partnered with School Readiness Consulting (SRC) to implement a project focused on supporting local communities in building and enhancing systems to coordinate eligibility and enrollment. Taking a community-based approach to this work will accomplish many of the goals set by the state to more effectively include family voice and choice, deliver child and family services that are highly contextualized, and strengthen partnerships and coordination locally across programs and services. This project is supported by Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five (PDG B-5) resources awarded to Michigan in 2019 and renewed for 2020–2022. The project consists of a series of activities to support CEE efforts across the state.

Webinar Series

Highlight current CEE efforts and promising practices and support communities in developing CEE plans

Toolkit

Share guidance, tips, and tools to help communities build or enhance CEE systems

Community of Practice

Provide consultation and learning opportunities to select communities engaging in CEE efforts

About the Webinar Series

What

A four-part webinar series to provide an overview of CEE, highlight learnings from a landscape scan conducted in 2021 of current CEE efforts and best practices, and offer support for implementing a community-informed CEE plan.

Who

This series is geared towards **any interested Michigan community members** who would like to learn more about CEE, including those who do not intend to apply to the Community of Practice. Individuals may attend any combination of sessions. It is not required to attend the webinar series to apply for the Community of Practice, but the webinars may help with the application process.

When and Where

All sessions will take place on Zoom. Prior registration via EventBrite is required. See links for more details.

[October 14, 2021 1-2 EST/12-1 CT](#)

What is Coordinated Eligibility and Enrollment?

[October 21, 2021 1-2 EST/12-1 CT](#)

Understanding What's Possible: Strategic Solutions for Community-Based CEE Plans

[October 28, 2021 1-2 EST/12-1 CT](#)

Putting it Into Practice: Developing a Community-Informed CEE Plan

[November 4, 2021 1-2 EST/12-1 CT](#)

Applying to the Community of Practice



About the Toolkit

What

The Coordinated Eligibility and Enrollment Toolkit is being created to assist communities in developing plans for implementing approaches to CEE. It is designed to answer the question: *What should my community focus on in implementing Coordinated Eligibility and Enrollment, and how should we do it?* The toolkit walks communities through steps from getting started to assessing needs and gaps, gathering input and information from families and other stakeholders, and finally developing a CEE implementation plan and designing a set of strategies and solutions. It is intended to be a "hands-on" guide for implementing CEE in local communities.

Who

Available to all Michigan communities.

When and Where

The toolkit will be released in January 2022.

The toolkit will be digital. Be on the lookout for an announcement from OGS.



About the Community of Practice

What

OGS is selecting a cohort of 8 community teams to participate in a Coordinated Eligibility and Enrollment Community of Practice. Community teams will have the opportunity to learn together from other members of the cohort as well as refine their own local efforts and approaches. As part of the Community of Practice communities will:

- Come together for **10 virtual learning sessions** to explore the key components and guiding principles for implementing an effective CEE process
- Develop a **plan to continue working on CEE** activities in your community
- Receive **financial support** to implement locally developed strategies aligned with one or more of the CEE key components
- Receive **monthly newsletters** containing resources and information to support the work
- Engage in **one-on-one support** with an assigned Technical Assistance provider

Strategies, tools, and lessons learned from communities will be shared broadly and disseminated through OGS to other communities across the state.

Who

This opportunity is for **8 Community-Based Implementation Teams** (made up of diverse community and early learning partners) of the birth-5 early learning community at various stages of implementation, from piloting a new strategy to refining an ongoing strategy, who are ready to support CEE activities within one or more of the following areas:

- Building family awareness of resources and services
- Helping families select available resources and services
- Ensuring families receive resources and services
- Keeping families connected and supported
- Advancing CEE infrastructure



About the Community of Practice

When and Where

Each session will be 2 hours long and will take place virtually via Zoom.
Exact dates forthcoming.

- February 2022
- March 2022
- April 2022
- May 2022
- July 2022
- August 2022
- October 2022
- December 2022

How

The final session of the webinar series on November 2, 2021 will provide additional details on the Community of Practice, give an overview of the application, and answer questions. There will also be open office hours during the month of November with SRC team members to support communities in the application process.

Timeline

- ➔ Application released by **October 26, 2021**
- ➔ Applications accepted through **November 24, 2021**
- ➔ Applicants notified of selection in **January 2022**

