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**MI Tri-Share Child
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ABOUT TRI-SHARE

The MI Tri-Share Pilot (**Tri-Share**) is an **innovative** public/private partnership that equally **shares the cost of child care** between employers, employees, and the state of Michigan.

IMPLEMENTATION



- **Outreach and marketing efforts** have continued across all pilot regions. Some pilot regions are working on outreach videos to serve as informational tools for employers and employees.

- Impact of Tri-Share

In some regions, families do not have utilize licensed child care. Tri-Share Hub facilitators have been able to engage with families about licensed providers, and talk with them about potential options that would best fit their family and children's needs.

- Comment from Hub facilitator:

"We have had some employees call and ask us, 'which employers are participating?'"



ENROLLMENT STATUS

- Since last month, four new employers have enrolled in Tri-Share. There are now **22 employers enrolled across all Hubs**.
- Enrolled **employers vary in size** from small (e.g., Skilled Manufacturing, Cherry Republic) to big businesses (e.g., Goodwill Industries).
- Current enrolled employers represent **various industries**, including social assistance, agriculture, manufacturing, arts, and social and civil service orgs.
- Hubs are actively recruiting employees from participating employers. Currently there are 14 employees enrolled across all Hubs receiving support for full and part-time care. Children range between the ages of 2-4 years old.

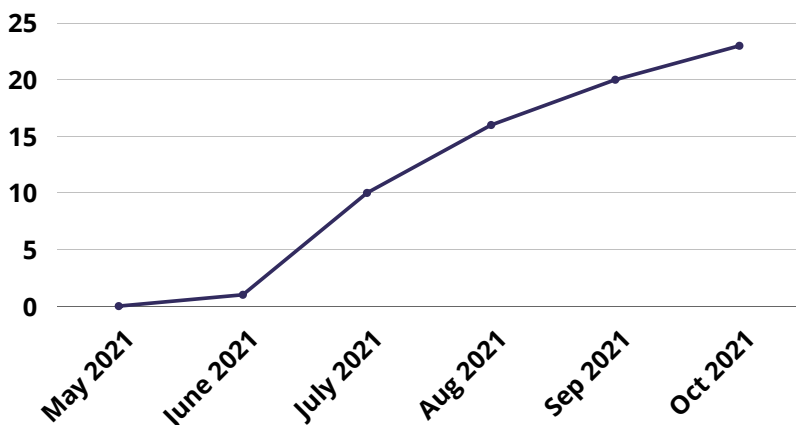


Figure 1. Participating employers over time.

UPDATES



- The Michigan Women's Commission (MWC) has extended the request for proposals (RFP) deadline to December 22, 2021 to fund four more pilot regions. The RFP and more information can be found here - <https://www.michigan.gov/Tri-Share>
- In case you missed it, Tri-Share was awarded an additional \$2.5 million in the FY2022 Michigan budget to continue and expand the project, resulting in the addition of 10 more counties under the three current service regions. Tri-Share now serves 24 counties.
- MWC has also partnered with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund two new pilot regions in Detroit and Battle Creek.
- The MWC will launch the four new pilot regions along with the two W.K. Kellogg Foundation funded pilots in January 2022. This will bring the total pilot regions from three to nine.

Want to learn more?

Check out our updated website where you can find more info on Tri-Share here - michigan.gov/Tri-Share



OUTREACH AND PRESS

There has been continued outreach with stakeholders to contribute to collaboration. This includes (but is not limited to):

- MWC is partnered with the MI Coalition Against Homelessness for a webinar on MI women in the workforce and Tri-Share on Nov. 8th.
- Tri-Share admin Team is working with external evaluator to begin an assessment of Tri-Share.
- Press
 - *Pennies From Heaven, United Way hosting meeting on new child care program*
 - *Child care program promoted at meeting*
 - *Program to help workers afford child care coming to the lakeshore*
 - *Michigan's First of Its Kind Program Shares Child Care Costs Between the State, Employers and Employees*
 - *As crisis escalates, Battle Creek is changing the narrative around child care*



- *Pilot Program Launches To Improve Child Care Affordability*
- *State expands regional child care program*
- *Pilot program aims to help hotel workers with child care*
- *Hotel workers can take part in pilot program for child care*
- *Pilot program cuts down child care bills for some Michigan families*
- *Opinion: Parents, employers and Michigan split cost of child care? You bet!*
- *A lack of affordable child care is keeping some Michigan parents out of the workforce, a pilot program aims to fix that*
- *Gratiot-Isabella RESD first in region to split employee child care costs through new state program*
- *A new program is helping Great Lakes Bay Region families cover child-care expenses*