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# STATUS REPORT

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MI Tri-Share Child  
Care Pilot

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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

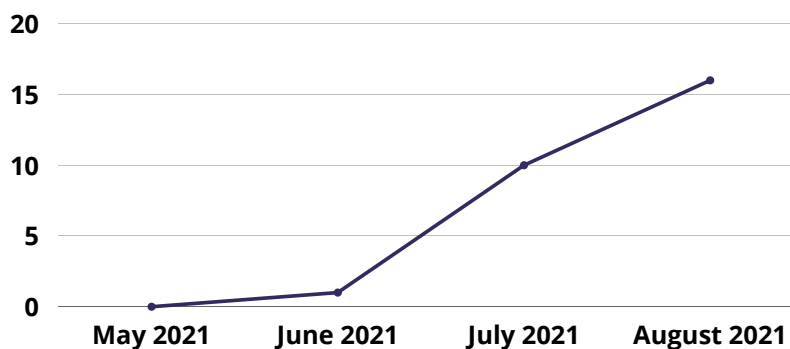


- **Outreach and marketing efforts** have continued across all Hubs. Some Hubs are working on outreach videos to serve as informational tools for employers and employees.
- Comment on Tri Share from participating employee:  
*"I think it is such a great program. I don't feel like I am working just to afford daycare. Being a family that makes too much money to qualify for assistance but not enough to feel secure, it had really been a relief that we can benefit from this."*
- Comment from participating child care provider:  
*"[The process for enrolling in Tri Share] was pretty easy... I anticipate this will be good."*



# ENROLLMENT STATUS

- Since last month, there six new employers that have enrolled in Tri-Share. There are now **16 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).\*
- Hubs are **actively recruiting employees** from participating employers. We currently have **5 employees enrolled across all Hubs**. Each employee has one child participating in the pilot (i.e., five children), receiving support for full-time child care.
- Current enrolled employers represent **various industries**, including social assistance, agriculture, manufacturing, arts, and social and civil service orgs.



**Figure 1.** Participating employers over time.

\*Note: In a previous version of the report, it was stated that Munson Health Care was a participating employer. This was an error. Munson Child Care is a participating employer

# UPDATES



- With bi-partisan support, the Tri-Share Pilot will be awarded an additional \$2.5 million in the FY2022 Michigan budget to continue the pilot project in the current pilot regions and expand to two new regions in FY 2022. More information around the next steps the Michigan Women’s Commission will take to continue and expand the pilot will be available soon.
- A no-cost grant extension was granted to current facilitator Hubs through July 31, 2022 to give employers more time to sign on. The additional FY2022 funding will expand the pilot through September 30, 2022.

## Want to learn more?

Access our FAQs [here!](#)

Access our Policies and Procedures [here!](#)



# OUTREACH AND PRESS

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

- A presentation on Tri-Share at the Michigan (MI) Works Conference on Sept. 14 by MWC CEO Cheryl Bergman
- Discussions with community development partners from the Executive Office of the Governor, business development managers and business resource networks with MI Works and Michigan Economic Development Cooperation
- Continued collaboration with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's coalition partners
- Press
  - *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*