

2010

\$8.0 MILLION

Corporation is awarded **\$8 million in ARRA funding by the Department of Human Services** to advance early childhood quality work. Among projects supported, \$3 million is used for matching grants to help local communities engage the private sector in efforts to fund low-income child care scholarships and more than 2,000 unsafe cribs are destroyed and replaced for child care providers.

Investment Corporation becomes a **Birth to Five Policy Alliance** partner, along with the Center for Michigan and Michigan's Children. Michigan becomes a PAR advocacy state; Children's Leadership Council of Michigan created by Center for Michigan as part of Birth to Five partnership.

More than 18,000 unlicensed, publically-funded child care providers (relative and aide providers) receive basic training through the Great Start to Quality Orientation and Training Program to meet new legislative requirements.

Investment Corporation **reorganizes** its approach to providing training and technical assistance to serve statewide network based on evaluation findings and growing network demand.

Governor Snyder issues special education message calling for Michigan to advance its focus on early childhood; also calls for creation of an Office of Great Start to work in partnership with the Investment Corporation.



2011

Star Power hits **3,000 participants** and takes over the Capitol.

3,000

Collaboratives and coalitions make early childhood a key issue in statewide elections.

Corporation forms **Equity and Persistent Disparities Committee** to help deepen Corporation work on equity and race issues among 0-5, to create effective outreach and engagement strategies in diverse communities, and also to bring 0-5 equity and diversity issues to state attention.

Governor issues Executive Order creating Office of Great Start in July and asks Corporation to provide interim leadership.

Corporation, in partnership with Michigan Department of Education, leads **Race to the Top** – Early Learning Challenge grant application process that results in the launch of Great Start to Quality.

Great Start to Quality, Michigan's quality rating and improvement system for child care and preschool providers and programs is launched statewide.

5,000

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Virtual Star Power brings **20,000 voices** to legislative offices.

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Corporation executives join **Dr. Penni Foster-Fishman** in presenting Great Start evaluation findings at international early childhood conference in Barcelona, Spain.

Great Start Collaboratives report that **\$32.46 million has been leveraged from private sector since 2010.**

\$12.5 MILLION

Investment Corporation works with legislature to secure **\$12.5 million supplemental appropriation to support Great Start to Quality** and also a kindergarten entry status assessment that will be led by the MDE-Office of Great Start.

4,500

Star Power draws a record **4,500 participants** with a march down Michigan Avenue to the Capitol.

2012

Neiman Collaborative study of Michigan early childhood stakeholders shows that the Corporation is considered a "muscular" get-it-done and value-added organization.

Round two of **MSU evaluation of statewide network** is completed with preliminary results showing great progress of Great Start Collaboratives toward solidifying early childhood system efforts.

Office of Great Start deputy director is named.



MICHIGAN'S GREAT START SYSTEM

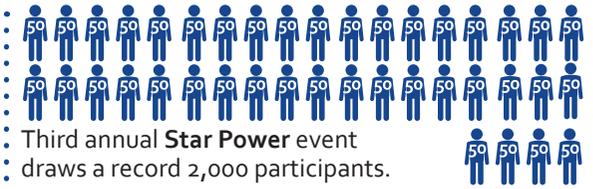
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2002-04 Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan Department of Education, and the Family Independence Agency lead a community-based process to design a blueprint for a comprehensive early childhood system in Michigan.



2001
Michigan Ready to Succeed Partnership (MRTSP) was formed



Third annual **Star Power** event draws a record 2,000 participants.

- Coordinated collaborative/coalition advocacy is credited with saving the **Great Start Readiness Program** (pre-school) from elimination by the Michigan Senate.

2002

2004
Great Start initiative launched in State of the State address.

"A New Path for our Children," a Whitepaper on State Government Leadership, Policy and Services for Children, prepared by MRTSP embraced by gubernatorial candidate **Jennifer Granholm**

Michigan becomes a **BUILD** state.

2005

Early Childhood Investment Corporation formed in August to inform and guide the work of Great Start. Initial staff comes together in November including State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems director (Joan Blough) to ensure coordinated efforts. Later Head Start State Collaboration Office director is also detailed.

Great Start Network initialized with **14 Great Start Collaboratives**; toward end of year, 7 more added and Great Start Parent Coalitions begin forming; legislature approves \$1 million to expand Great Start Network.

Corporation receives National Governor's Association grant to conduct a statewide policy summit.

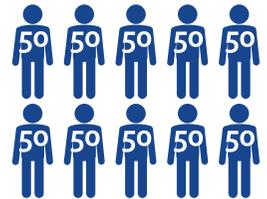
Great Start Child Care Quality Program launched after two years of research, review and restructuring of Michigan's child care quality efforts. Program ultimately leads to Michigan's tiered quality rating and improvement system, Great Start to Quality.

Corporation partners with Department of Education to support **Project Reimagine** with K-12 schools on an early years or ready school initiative.

Michigan is selected as one of 24 national sites for **Project LAUNCH**, a program of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Legislation is passed mandating unlicensed child care providers (relative and aide providers) to have minimum training as part of the Great Start to Quality Orientation and Training Program in order to receive payment for care of publically subsidized children.

2006



First annual **Star Power** event draws 500 advocates from across Michigan.

First annual statewide **Michigan Early Childhood Challenge** is held to bring local and state players together around a shared policy agenda to address the state of Michigan's children.

\$6.5 MILLION

Investment Corporation awarded a critical \$6.5 million grant from **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** to support the organization's formation and work.



Kindergarten teachers say that one-third to one-half of children arriving at school with significant readiness issues.

Corporation partners with Department of Education to revise Great Start Readiness Program (pre-school) eligibility resulting in better targeting of resources to vulnerable children.

Great Start System Team is co-convened by the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Investment Corporation as a venue for early childhood program leaders across departments to work together on early childhood system needs and issues.

Corporation unveils new searchable child care database, **Great Start CONNECT**, connecting families to high-quality early learning; tracking provider training; and giving providers an opportunity to market their services.

2010

Investment Corporation becomes home to Michigan's federally-funded **Early Learning Advisory Council** and with it \$3 million to advance early learning initiatives across Michigan.

MSU evaluation of statewide Great Start Network shows that network is making great progress toward increasing family awareness, engagement and leadership; improved and expanded local service delivery systems; focused early childhood system building efforts, including leading development of a shared vision; and raised profile of early childhood, including legislators' understanding of the return on investment.



2008

\$2.4 MILLION

Kresge Foundation awards \$2.4 million to support Great Start Collaboratives in southeast Michigan and other Corporation efforts including development of technical assistance efforts.

First ever report to map funding streams and programs related to young children and families in Michigan. Study is updated with W.K. Kellogg Foundation support in 2010.



Second annual **Star Power** held in windy, freezing weather draws 325 participants.

Legislature invests in Great Start statewide network with additional \$5 million. (Ultimately, \$6.75 million is earmarked for this work.)



Children of Color initiative gives Corporation an up close view of struggles of communities of color and vulnerable children to inform its future work.

2009

THREE KEY STUDIES PRESENTED

2
95% OF VOTERS

Believe investment in early childhood is an "absolute necessity."

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Wilder Research shows that \$1.12 billion is saved annually in Michigan because of 25-year investment in pre-school.

Michigan Sandbox Party is launched to unite myriad of early childhood players; first statewide non-partisan convention held to showcase support for early childhood. First event of the election cycle in which both candidates for governor appear.

