

# MIDLAND COUNTY QUALITY PRESCHOOL PARTNERSHIP -A MODEL FOR COLLABORATION AND EFFICIENCY:



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## **BACKGROUND:**

- Partnership developed over 5 years ago
- Predated Midland County GSC
- Includes Head Start, GSRP (Formula & Competitive), & ECSE
- Now a workgroup of the Midland County GSC
- Aligned with Early Care & Education Workgroup
- Initial common need for a best-practice preschool curriculum & a single point of entry process



## **INITIAL COOPERATION:**

- Shared marketing & recruitment planning
- Common intake form
- County-wide Toll-Free phone number
- Neutral Intake Coordinator (4Cs, then GS RRC)
- Shared marketing budget, brochure & marketing materials
- Annual partnership PD plan
- Partnership Strategic Plan



## **NEXT STEPS:**

- Increased collaboration led to GSRP Consortium among all local school districts
  - Shared fiduciary
  - Allows for pre-k school of choice
  - Sharing of unfilled slots among programs
- County-wide Early Childhood Specialist support (provided by ISD)
- Shared Pre-K locations (Head Start, GSRP & ECSE)
- More inclusion opportunities for ECSE children



## EFFICIENCIES & OUTCOMES :

- County-wide collection of PQA and MSDS Data
- Common county-wide Curriculum Model  
(*Creative Curriculum*)
- Common county-wide *Behavioral Intervention Strategy* (Conscious Discipline)
- Common Child Outcome Assessment Tool  
(*Teaching Strategies Gold* –online assessment tool)
  - Shared by Head Start, GSRP & ECSE)



## **EFFICIENCIES & OUTCOMES (Cont.):**

- Shared parent education programming
- 27% County-wide increase in the number of free Pre-K spaces
- \$1.1 million in private investment to support Universal Pre-k in last 4 years.
- Existing infrastructure & intake process in place to support future investment in Pre-k scholarships (Great Start Early Learning Fund)



## **FUTURE PLANS:**

- GSC expanding PD offerings to other Pre-K providers (private, non-profit, faith-based)
- Partner agencies working to secure a \$2.3 million investment to convert surplus elementary school into new Early Childhood Development Center
- Quality Partnership Model is being shared with other communities (Saginaw, Clare-Gladwin)
- Regional planning underway for common best – practice kindergarten assessment & QRIS

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The Partnership is a workgroup of  
Midland County's Great Start Collaborative.



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