

Great Start Early Learning and Care Convening
Kellogg Center, Big Ten Room C
June 22, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. ★ **Welcome and Introductions**
Judy Samelson, CEO, Early Childhood Investment Corporation
- 9:15 a.m. ★ **Early Learning Program Updates from Great Start Partners**
Representatives from various early learning initiatives across the Great Start system will provide brief updates on relevant strategies and ongoing plans in an effort to inform participants on their respective, yet coordinated, efforts.
- Joan Blough – State and Federal Updates, ECIC
Karen Roback – Great Start Child Care Quality Program, ECIC
Erin Emerson - Child Development & Care, DHS
James Sinnamon – Bureau of Child & Adult Licensing, DHS
Jeremy Reuter – Head Start Collaboration Office, DHS/ECIC
Penny Verran - Federal Home Visitation Initiative, MDCH
Jessica Gillard – Great Start Early Learning Advisory Council, ECIC
Lindy Buch – Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services, MDE
- 10:30 a.m. ★ **Break**
During break, participants with questions for panelists should record them on provided note cards and give them to the designated staff person for inclusion in the question and answer session. When returning from break, participants should be seated at a table according to their preference for World Cafe participation. Table topics are provided on the back of this agenda.
- 10:45 a.m. ★ **Q&A with Panelists**
Panelists will cover as many questions as possible during the available time to allow for necessary clarifications and increased understanding of presented material. Remaining questions will be addressed in a Q&A document to be provided with the follow-up materials from the convening.
- 11:00 a.m. ★ **Introduction of and Transition to World Café Format**
- 11:10 a.m. ★ **World Café Sessions**
Participants will have the opportunity to provide input on the various early learning initiatives, opportunities and strategies covered by the panelists, utilizing a World Cafe format. It is anticipated that participants will engage in 2-3 different table discussions, on topics of particular interest to them. Please see table topics listed on the reverse side of this agenda.
- 11:55 a.m. ★ **Closing Remarks**

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World Café – Table Topics

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Table #	Table Topic	Facilitator	Defined Question
1	Great Start QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement System)	Denise Smith	Given the growing diversity of the young child population in MI, which specific efforts can be taken and integrated into a QRIS to increase workforce diversity and qualifications in early learning and care settings?
2	Great Start Quality Child Care Program	Karen Roback	What activities/initiatives are most effective in improving the quality of care for infants and toddlers?
3	Great Start Early Learning Advisory Council	Jessica Gillard	What strategies for addressing the priorities of the Council should be expanded or deepened to ensure realization of a comprehensive early learning system in Michigan?
4	Office of Great Start – Early Childhood	Joan Blough	What should the Office of Great Start – Early Childhood take into consideration as it moves to better integrate child care and early learning initiatives in Michigan?
5	Early Learning Challenge	Jeremy Reuter	What should Michigan prioritize in the development of its application for Early Learning Challenge funding?
6	Early Learning Challenge	Alissa Parks	What current needs of Michigan's early childhood system should be addressed within an Early Learning Challenge application?
7	MDE – Early Childhood Block Grant	Lindy Buch	How should MDE structure a stakeholder process to provide input on the early childhood block grant proposed for FY 2013?
8	BCAL - Improving Quality in Regulated Child Care	Jim Sinnamon	What is the role of Child Care Licensing in improving the quality of regulated child care in Michigan?
9	DHS, Child Development and Care - Child Care Subsidy	Mary Luchies	What policies or changes should the state consider in light of the federal focus on making child care subsidy more child centered, family focused, and provider friendly?
10	Early Learning Partnerships	Alicia Williams	What will it take to build strong partnerships across early learning and care settings to strengthen and expand access to high quality programming?
11	MDCH - Home Visitation Initiative	Penny Verran	How can a statewide home visitation continuum be most effective as a bridge between life course wellness (starting with preconception health), healthcare, and early learning and child care?