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Early Childhood Investment Corporation relocates

Move comes just weeks prior to August Sandbox Party convention

LANSING – The Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC), a public nonprofit that is spurring investment in enhanced delivery of early childhood programs through system-building, is on the move.

The corporation will relocate to the Grandview Center, 112 East Allegan St., in downtown Lansing effective Monday, Aug. 9. Grandview Center is owned by The Boji Group.

“We’re looking forward to being closer to the heart of state government, especially the departments – education, human services and so on – that administer the programs we’re trying to grow, improve and link together into a vibrant early childhood system,” said Judy Y. Samelson, CEO of ECIC.

Founded in 2005, ECIC operates 55 Great Start Collaboratives and 70 Great Start Parent Coalitions that serve every county in Michigan.

In addition, ECIC also directs the Great Start Child Care Quality Program, one of the most comprehensive initiatives in the nation aimed at helping parents find quality

early-learning environments for their children and child care professionals improve their skills.

Along with partner organizations across the early childhood spectrum, ECIC will host the first-ever [Sandbox Party Convention](#) on Thursday, Aug. 26, from 1-4 p.m. at Michigan State University's Breslin Student Event Center.

The nonpolitical, nonpartisan convention is designed to make sure that a key component of Michigan's economic turnaround - children 0-5 - is not lost amid election year politics. Research identifies this age group as vital to developing competent citizens and workers.

ECIC's phone (517-371-9000) and fax (517-371-9080) numbers will remain unchanged.