

Calling All Parents: Step Into the Sandbox

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"The tea party movement may not be the most important force affecting the races for governor and the Legislature in Michigan this year." - *Detroit Free Press*

We are proud and excited to be an official *sponsor* of what is sure to be one of the most important events you will be invited to all year: ***The Sandbox Party*** Convention on August 26, 2010 from 1pm to 4pm at Breslin Student Event Center. We will add more information regarding ***our presence*** at the event in the coming days -- because you know we always try to bring a little extra fun and excitement wherever we go. A brief overview of this event is below.

Meanwhile, **what is YOUR hot button issue this year with regard to childhood development?**



Step into the Sandbox!
Join us for the Sandbox Party Convention.

Nonpartisan and nonpolitical, The Sandbox Party has a broad membership across the spectrum of early childhood issues, programs, resources and supports. The Sandbox Party is the unifying scaffold for all those who recognize the crucial role of young children in Michigan's economic turnaround, and support continued state investment to make sure those children grow up healthy, capable and workforce-ready.

At its most fundamental level, the Sandbox Party embraces the belief that:

- * Children must be born healthy
- * They must be lovingly nurtured
- * They must have access to high quality child care settings that support their earliest learning
- * They must have access to preschool

* Their parents must have the information and help they need to be their child's first and most influential teachers

* And they must be empowered to advocate for their children

This is a job so large that success is only possible by working together at both the state and local levels -- to achieve the overarching goal of ensuring that every young child in Michigan starts kindergarten ready.