



# Great Start Parent Coalition

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## Ensuring all children a great start

### We realize that...

- The home is the first and most important learning environment.
- By age 4, 90% of a child's brain is fully developed.
- Reading proficiency by 3rd grade is an important indicator of future success in school and in life.
- Children who attend a high-quality preschool program are better prepared for school academically, socially and emotionally.
- Many Oakland County children enter kindergarten with previously unidentified health, social, emotional or learning issues.

### We strive to...

- Advocate for quality early childhood programs.
- Strengthen the civic engagement of parents in the community.
- Promote public support for early childhood investments.

### We believe...

- In helping families by connecting them with needed services.
- In being the voice of families and children in our community.
- Parents have the right to make decisions for their children.
- Parents have the power to make a difference in their community.

## Working together in Oakland County for children ages 0-5

For more information or to find out how you can become a part of the Great Start Parent Coalition, call 248.209.2098



## Their Future... Our Responsibility

**Children who are safe, healthy, happy and ready to succeed are a great investment.**

The first five years of a child's life are precious. In that time, children's brain architecture is formed to shape the foundation of their very being. The Early Childhood Investment Corporation, in partnership with the Oakland County Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition is working to ensure the best possible start for Michigan's youngest children. ECIC is the voice and champion of Michigan's investment in our young children through early childhood programs, services and advocacy.

All Oakland County parents with children under the age of 12 are invited to participate in early childhood planning and decision making for the county.

## Call now to find out more:

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