Early Childhood Digest

The Latest Early Childhood Developments by Wayne RESA







June 6, 2025

Early Childhood Services Department at Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (Wayne RESA)

The Early Childhood Services Department oversees high-quality preschool education opportunities across Wayne County to include the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for eligible four-yearold children and the Strong Beginnings pilot for eligible three-year-old children. Email: EarlyChildhood@resa.net Website: https://www.resa.net/teaching-learning/early-childhood Location: 33500 Van Born Road, Wayne, MI, USA Phone: 734-334-1312

From Libby Rogowski, Executive Director of Early Childhood

Dear Wayne County Early Childhood Partners,

We sincerely appreciate all the programs that have taken time during these final, busy days of the school year to plan and prepare for the 2025–2026 school year.

Please keep in mind that contracts cannot be fully executed until the State Budget is approved and all required supporting documents have been submitted and approved.



We will see you all at the upcoming Leadership Connection on June 12th!

With deep appreciation and shared purpose, Libby

ACTION STEPS

Action Steps

- 1. SAVE THE DATE for the Upcoming Fiscal Trainings
 - Go to FISCAL
- 2. GSRP Monthly Leadership Connection Thursday, June 12th.
 - Go to FISCAL
- 3. Operations and Transportation Ledgers DUE June 13th, 2025.
 - Go to FISCAL
- 4. LEAs and PSAs only: **GSRP Application Survey** as of June 4th DUE by 4p on June 13th, 2025.
 - Go to ENROLLMENT

5. Is your staff working toward becoming MiLEAP qualified? Explore the MiEarly Apprentice opportunity to support their development. Don't miss this opportunity!

• Go to <u>RESOURCES</u>

Enrollment

Click here for ENROLLMENT

Fiscal

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Reporting & Monitoring/Assessment

Click here for REPORTING & MONITORING/ASSESSMENT

Social Emotional Support

Click here for SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Resources

Click here for RESOURCES

GSRP Monthly Leadership Connection:



Our Mission

Wayne RESA is committed to leadership through service and collaboration for excellence in teaching and learning for all.

Our Vision

Leading ... Learning for All.

Our Beliefs

We believe Leadership is the foundation of our organization

We believe Service is the core of our work

We believe Collaboration is essential to our success

We believe in the pursuit of Excellence



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LEAs and PSAs only: GSRP Application Survey

The GSRP Application Survey as of June 4th is DUE by 4p on June 13th, 2025. This will arrive via email on 6/6/2025.

MISTAR Pre-Enrollment



Wayne County RESA GSRP Pre-enrollr

Welcome to Wayne County Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)! Thank you for beginning the registration process with us. We look forward to working with you and your family. Great Start Readiness Programs are located in 3 different location types.

- - A Local School District
 A Public School Academy (PSA)
 A Community Based Organization (CBO). For a list of all GSRP program locations, please click here: <u>Wayne County GSRP Map.</u>

Please watch this video for more information about enrolling in Wayne County GSRP



Here is a link that families can use to pre-enroll their child:



Self-Reported Income

There are times when families refuse to provide documentation of income, which is required for prioritization and determining eligibility. To assist, we have created a Self-Reported Income Documentation form. If a family chooses not to provide income, they must complete the form acknowledging there will be a pause in enrollment until programs utilize the reserved percentage beginning August 15th, regardless of the income range self-reported on the form. For clarification, the reserved percentage may be used beginning August 1*st* for families who are at 400% FPL and below. Families who self-report their income cannot be placed until August 15*th* along with families whose income is over 400% FPL.

The form has been posted as a resource under the Eligibility section of the GSRP Implementation Manual: <u>Self-Reported Income Documentation form final for ADA</u>

CBOs ONLY: Pre-Enrollment/Automated Referral Process

NEW Videos Available

Accepting a New Referral

Denying a New Referral

Contact Us Here!

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Service Desk by <u>creating a</u> <u>service ticket</u> or calling 734-334-1870.

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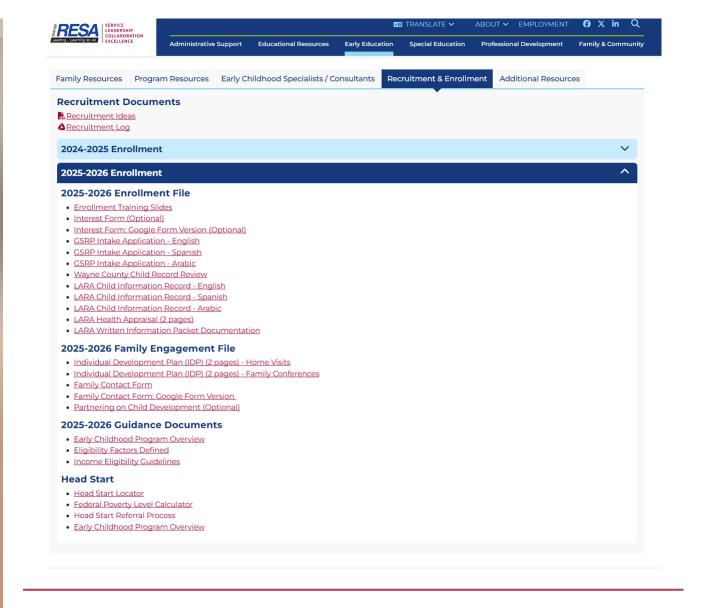
Enrollment Updates

2025-2026 Fiscal Year

- 1. Students that will turn four in the gap window, September 2 December 1, may be enrolled on or after September 2nd and after all age-eligible students are enrolled.
- 2. Any student with a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP), regardless of income and recommended placement, should be prioritized in the lowest bracket, 0-50% of the FPL.
- 3. Over-income students, families whose Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is at or above 401%, may be enrolled on or after May 1, 2025.
 - 1. Just as income-eligible students, over-income students should be prioritized based on their FPL percentage.
 - 2. Over-income students do not have to have any additional Eligibility Factors (EF) to qualify for GSRP.
 - 3. If the student has any EFs they should be prioritized over students with no EFs.
- 4. Programs will hold 10%, 1-2 students per classroom, of their allocation for students that are income-eligible, 0-400% of the FPL until September 1, 2025

Please see the website for all Enrollment and Recruitment documents and resources found under *Recruitment and Enrollment* then *2025-2026 Enrollment:*

Wayne RESA GSRP Website



2025-2026 Fiscal Year Enrollment Training

2025-2026 Enrollment Training.pdf

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Eligibility Factors Guidance

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How do you submit a ticket?

- Users will submit, update, and manage tickets through the MISTAR Customer Service Portal.
- Users will receive email notifications for ticket updates and must access the ticket portal to view detailed communications or respond to a ticket.
- Users may continue to call the Service Desk Help Line at 734-334-1870 to create a ticket.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Service Desk by <u>creating a</u> <u>service ticket</u> or calling 734-334-1870.

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2025-2026 State of Michigan PreK for All Digital Toolkit

Digital Toolkit



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Fiscal Reminders

Start Up Round 3 Important Update

Requests for the recent Round 3 start up funds for new and expanding classrooms exceeded State expectations, and the funding remaining after Rounds 1 and 2. Because requests exceeded available funds, individual classroom awards were prorated by the State as follows to maximize use of the funds:

- New classroom awards will be \$40,000 per classroom
- Expansion classroom awards will be \$17,900 per classroom

Upcoming Fiscal Trainings

Friday, 5/30/2025 – 9:00 AM-11:30 AM – Burger Baylor <u>GSRP Fiscal 101 – Fiscal Requirements</u>- This training is required for bookkeepers and accountants working with GSRP funds. (Training will be repeated 8/5/2025)

Friday, 6/6/2025 - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM - Burger Baylor

<u>GSRP Fiscal 102 – Budgets</u>- This training is required for bookkeepers and accountants working with GSRP funds. (Training will be repeated 8/5/2025)

Tuesday, 6/10/2025 - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM - WCRESA Annex 123

<u>GSRP Start-Up and Expansion Funds Training</u> - Required for providers who will be receiving Start-Up/Expansion funds.

Wednesday, 6/25/2025 - 1:30 PM-3:30 PM - Virtual (Zoom)

<u>GSRP Fiscal Deadlines and Allocation Change Requests</u> <u>Virtual (Zoom)</u>

Monday, 6/30/2025 - 1:30 PM-3:30 PM - Virtual (Zoom)

<u>GSRP Transportation Overview</u> – This training is required for providers receiving transportation funds.

Virtual (ZOOM)

Tuesday, 8/5/2025 - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM - Virtual (Zoom)

<u>GSRP Fiscal 101</u> – Understanding GSRP Requirements - This training is required for bookkeepers and accountants working with GSRP funds. <u>Virtual (ZOOM)</u>

Tuesday, 8/5/2025 - 12:30 PM-3:00 PM - Virtual (Zoom)

<u>GSRP Fiscal 102 – Budgets</u> - This training is required for bookkeepers and accountants working with GSRP funds.

<u>Virtual (ZOOM)</u>

Wednesday, 8/20/2025 - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM - Virtual (Zoom)

<u>FER and Carryover Budget Training</u> – This training is required for all providers. (Training will be repeated 9/19/2025) <u>Virtual (ZOOM)</u>

Friday, 9/19/2025 - 9:00-11:30 - WCRESA Main Building, Rooms A-C

FER and Carryover Budget Training – This training is required for all providers. (Or 8/20/2025)

Friday, 9/26/2025 - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM Virtual (Zoom)

<u>GSRP Fiscal 103 – Ledgers</u> - This training is required for bookkeepers and accountants completing GSRP Google Ledgers (ALL CBOs). <u>Virtual (ZOOM)</u>

Reminder - Expense Ledgers are Year-to-Date

Please note that the format for the ledgers has changed from last program year. **Ledgers are now organized to report expenses Year-to-Date,** meaning that each ledger will include all the previous month's expenses. Please also note that providers are being asked to report their end of month enrollment in each ledger. Ledgers will be reviewed by our finance team and providers may be asked to provide documentation for various expenses. Finally, for LEAs/PSAs that utilize WCRESAs SMART system, completing ledgers in the google budget document are still recommended, but not required.

Failure to complete ledgers in a timely manner will result in the following consequences:

- If the main operations ledgers are submitted **one month late**, **10%** of the monthly allocation will be deducted from the next payment distribution.
- If the main operations ledgers are submitted **two months late**, **25**% of the monthly allocation will be deducted from the next payment distribution.
- If the main operations ledgers are submitted three months late, all future payments will be held, until reporting requirements have been met.

Reminder – Bookkeeper/Accountant Requirement

As a reminder, please note that all providers must have an assigned bookkeeper or accountant to assist them with their finances. While WCRESA has not placed any restrictions on who the provider may choose to utilize, it is expected that all ledgers, budgets, and other financial documents will be reviewed or completed by this person. Please note that WCRESA may require that the provider take specific steps if budgets and ledgers are not completed on time or correctly on multiple occasions.

Main Operations Expense Ledgers Review Process

When reviewing Main Operations expense ledgers, we are primarily looking at the following:

- Is the ledger signed and dated by an authorized representative?
- Are all expenses listed in the correct line item by object code and are expenses being tracked year-to-date?
- Do all employees with wages listed also have benefits?
- Do the wage and benefits amount align with the staff information section of the budget?
- Has the number of children enrolled been provided in the ledgers?
- Do all line-item expenses have a description?
- Are there any line items that are over-budget?
- Do the ledgers contain any unapproved expenses?
- Is the provider expending money as expected based on the planned budget?
- Are the ledgers calculated using Year-to-date method, opposed to Month-to month.

Transportation Ledgers

Transportation ledgers, as with Main Operations Ledgers, are due to be completed by the 15*th* of the month following the month in question. Failure to submit ledgers by this date will impact the date by which funds will be reimbursed. Please note that when reviewing transportation ledgers, we will be looking specifically at the following items:

- Is the ledger signed and dated by an authorized representative?
- Are all expenses listed in the correct line item by object code?

- Do all employees with wages listed also have benefits?
- Has the number of children transported been provided in the ledgers?
- Do all line-item expenses have a description?
- Are there any line items that are over-budget?

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2024-2025 GSRP Payment Schedule (1).pdf

2024-2025 GSRP Payment Schedule

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GSRP Inventory	
2024-2025 Budgets	September 16, 2024
2023-2024 Final Expense Report	October 16, 2024
(FER) 2023-2024 Carryover Budget	October 16, 2024
Transportation Verification 1	November 2024
Carryover FER	December 20, 2024
CEPI Count Day	February 2025 Spring Collection Window Ends 2/26/25
Transportation Verification 2	March 2025
Budgets/Allocation Updated (Count) 23-	April 7, 2025
2024-25 Mid-Year Class/Transp. Review	April 18, 2025
2024-2025 FER	October 15, 2025
Monthly Ledgers (Operational & Transportation)	5th of subsequent month
Mid-Year Review	October 15, 2025

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2024-2025 GSRP Budget Schedule

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Reporting and Monitoring/Assessment

MiLEAP Finalizes Revisions to Child Care Licensing Rules

The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) has <u>finalized revisions to the Licensing Rules for Child Care Centers.</u> The rules set a minimum standard for what child care programs must do to keep children safe, happy, healthy and learning as MiLEAP and its partners work to expand access to high-quality and affordable child care for Michigan families.

The updated rules and additional information can be found on <u>MiLEAP's Child Care Licensing</u> <u>webpage</u> and for and to see them explained see below.

Wayne County training coming soon!



2025 Child Care Center Licensing Rule Revisions Explained.pd f

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Staff Information Report

Staff Information Report Checklist

Orgs should ensure profiles are current:

- \checkmark All GSRP classrooms are properly named and enabled
- \checkmark Lead and Associate teachers are assigned
- \checkmark Years teaching GSRP/preschool are updated for every GSRP staff person

- √ Compliance plan tags are updated as applicable
- \checkmark Benefits are completed for every GSRP staff person

Individuals should ensure:

- \checkmark Personal profile information is updated
- \checkmark Education/credentials updated if applicable
- \checkmark Wage is updated
- \checkmark Hours & months worked are updated (contact MiRegistry to make changes)

Reminders

- Benefits must be entered by the organization of each staff position.
- Individuals must have a MiRegistry account.
- Orgs need to complete Employee Benefits Offered under the Program Info tab.
- Individuals may not have more than one individual profile.
- Orgs should indicate "Y" in the Position to be Hired column for any vacant teaching positions.
- According to the GSRP grant, individuals must provide Compensation Type, Compensation Amount, Hours per Week, and Months per Year.

MiRegistry Staff Information Report Job Aids

MiRegistry Staff Information Report (SIR) Individual Profile Support Contact

MiRegistry SIR Support: Contact support@miregistry.org

GSRP Implementation Manual

ASQ Ages and Stages Questionnaire

ASQ Requirement

Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ®) provides reliable, accurate developmental and socialemotional screening for children.

ASQ Technical Assistance is available! If your program needs ASQ Online training, login or password info, or access to the Help Me Grow partner Google Drive please don't hesitate to reach out to Amber Anderson at Help Me Grow. Please see the TA Request Link below.

All GSRP programs should be a Help Me Grow partner to receive their ASQ Online Account.

Amber Anderson <u>amber@greatstartwayne.org</u> Care Coordinator/Technical Assistance *Help Me Grow Michigan Great Start Collaborative Detroit-Wayne* 313-410-5235

ASQ TA Request Link: ASQ Assistance Request

GSRP Office Hours every Thursday at 2pm Topic: Amber Anderson's Personal Meeting Room Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5969353317</u> Meeting ID: 596 935 3317







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Social Emotional

Social Emotional Support

Dr. Kelly Anderson, Early Childhood Social Emotional Consultant

Dr. Anderson will be out of the office for the remainder of the school year on Maternity Leave. If you need support for the social emotional needs of students in your classroom, please do not hesitate to communicate with your RESA Consultant.

Due to Dr. Anderson's absence, SEL office hours have also been suspended until the start of the new school year. If you need a thought partner to support you with behavioral or inclusion needs please call the main GSRP phone line and we will connect you with someone who can help. 734-334-1312



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Resources

MiEarly Apprentice

Applications for the next MiEarly Apprentice cohort, powered by Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative are open now! <u>Apply here</u>. This fall MiEarly Apprentice is launching new partnerships for bachelor's degree completion with Northern Michigan University and Central Michigan University, providing more options for teacher candidates interested in completing their bachelor's degree and obtaining their Birth to K or Early Elementary teacher certification.

<u>MiEarly Apprentice</u> provides those already working in childcare programs and/or school systems in Michigan with resource navigation, funding, and wraparound supports to begin and/or complete coursework resulting in earning their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or their bachelor's degree and lead teacher certification.

The <u>Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative</u> (MEWI) is proud to partner with Wayne RESA, Montcalm ISD, and Marquette-Alger RESA to offer funding, resource navigation, and wraparound supports for early childhood educators to begin or complete coursework resulting in earning their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or their bachelor's degree and lead teacher certification. Selected candidates will receive programmatic and financial support to pursue and complete their CDA or Early Childhood Teacher certification at no cost, including financial and programmatic support for associate degree and bachelor's degree completion. All selected candidates will be matched with a MiEarly Apprentice partner institution where they will complete the required coursework for their desired pathway (CDA, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree + teacher certification). Courses will be offered during the evenings and weekends to allow candidates to continue working while completing their coursework.

Best of all, MEWI has committed funding to support this work, meaning there is no cost for participants and the childcare programs in which they work.

Who is eligible?

- Participants Anyone who lives in Wayne, Montcalm, Marquette, or Alger Counties in Michigan, possesses at least a high school diploma, and is interested in working or currently working in a licensed childcare program.
- Employer Partners
 - Schools and districts that operate a licensed childcare program.
 - Community-based childcare program with a MI childcare license.
 - Home-based childcare programs with a MI childcare license.

How do schools, districts, and childcare programs benefit?

- Grow your own staff Childcare programs can use these opportunities to grow their own staff by referring uncertified and under-certified staff. Substitutes, paraprofessionals, floaters, and lunch aides are eligible to participate and could then move into associate teacher or lead teacher roles upon program completion.
- Retain your staff Both the CDA and Lead teacher pathways come with a participant commitment agreement. To be eligible for retention bonuses, candidates must remain employed in their current program/district for a minimum of 2 years following completion.
- *Improve Program Compliance & Quality* This is an opportunity to support staff who are currently on compliance plans in obtaining the necessary certification or credential to eliminate the need for the compliance plan. Staff certifications are also factored into a program's quality rating.

How do CDA & Teacher Candidates Benefit?

- *Best Fit Program Matching* All selected candidates will be matched with a MiEarly Apprentice partner institution based on their prior education experience, future goals, and desired timeline for completion.
- *Full Tuition Covered* There aren't any out of pocket costs for MiEarly Apprentice candidates as they receive full funding support to complete their selected pathway.
- *Resource Navigation* MEWI will connect candidates to additional financial resources, programs, and learning opportunities to support their continued development.
- *Wrap-around supports* Candidates have access to wrap-around supports like stipends for textbooks, technology, and childcare costs to support their success.
- *Retention Bonuses* All candidates will receive a retention bonus if they successfully complete the program and remain with their employer for the required commitment period.
- *Increased Earning Potential* Candidates will increase their long-term earning potential by leveling up to the next credential or certification level.

<u>Next Steps</u>

- <u>RSVP</u> to attend an information session on Wednesday, June 4 from 6:00-7:30pm, or use the form to request a recording of the information session if you can't make it.
- Recommend candidates from your program using the <u>referral form</u>. A member of the MEWI team will follow up with all recommended candidates to share more information and provide the application link.
- Share the MiEarly Apprentice <u>application</u> with your employees by sharing the 1-pager attached to this email.

<u>Timeline</u>

• Applications for the Fall 2025 cohort are open now and will close June 23, 2025.

- For candidates who are interested in pursuing their CDA and/or completing their associates degree, coursework will begin in August 2025.
- For candidates who already possess an associate degree and/or 60 or more college credits, bachelor's degree completion coursework will begin in August 2025.

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CDA PD Specialists

If you would like to be included in a shared list of county wide specialists please contact Dez'arae Adams @adamsd@resa.net.

MiLEAP Finalizes Revisions to the Child Care Licensing Rules

The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) has <u>finalized revisions to the Licensing Rules for Child Care Centers.</u> The rules set a minimum standard for what child care programs must do to keep children safe, happy, healthy and learning as MiLEAP and its partners work to expand access to high-quality and affordable child care for Michigan families.

"MILEAP is dedicated to expanding child care options that meet the diverse needs of families across the state while providing safe, supportive environments for children to grow and learn," said **Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea**, director of MILEAP. "The rule revisions uphold essential quality and safety standards and improve access to care, which is critical for Michigan children, families, and our economy as a whole. We're grateful to our partners who contributed their insights throughout this process."

"These revisions simplify licensing requirements and help reduce barriers for early childhood educators, allowing them to focus more on the care and education of Michigan's children," said **Emily Laidlaw**, deputy director of Early Education at MiLEAP. "We appreciate the thousands of individuals who shared their input, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with families, providers, and community partners to strengthen child care access across the state." The revisions to the Licensing Rules for Child Care Centers are the result of extensive feedback gathered through 63 listening sessions with nearly 600 early educators, families, community members, and state partners, along with survey input from nearly 1,300 respondents.

The finalized rule changes will:

Protect Health and Safety: Key updates include revised space requirements for infants and toddlers, streamlined hygiene standards, and the removal of redundant rules. The changes also

introduce a mandatory food allergy management plan, outdoor safety requirements for naturebased programs, and requirements for the Clean Drinking Water Access Act known as "Filter First" to ensure safe drinking water. Additionally, discipline guidelines have been updated to clarify appropriate practices and prohibit harmful punishment. These revisions aim to align with national best practices and support child care providers in creating safe, nurturing spaces for children.

Support Child Care Workforce: The changes recognize and elevate the early childhood workforce by renaming "child care staff member" to "teacher," reflecting the professionalism of the role. New definitions, such as *Independent Service Provider* and *Therapeutic Professional*, clarify who must complete health and safety training and background checks. Updated qualification standards emphasize the skills and knowledge required for leadership roles, supporting continuous improvement through the Great Start to Quality program. The updates also provide greater administrative flexibility, allowing leaders to manage multiple sites and enabling school principals to qualify as program administrators, helping address the ongoing workforce challenges across the state.

Improve Efficiencies and Flexibilities: The key changes include extending the allowable transportation time for children under school age from one hour to 1.5 hours to better reflect real-world conditions in various care settings. Rules for school-age child care centers have been reorganized into a centralized section to make them easier to navigate. Additionally, the rule set has been streamlined, removing redundant or overlapping regulations, helping reduce barriers for providers while maintaining essential quality and safety standards.

Support Innovation: The changes broaden access to high-quality, innovative child care options by establishing minimum standards for small capacity centers and outdoor nature-based programs. Developed with input from providers and stakeholders, these updates are designed to support flexible, creative approaches to early learning while maintaining safe and developmentally appropriate environments for children.

The updated rules and additional information can be found on <u>MiLEAP's Child Care Licensing</u> <u>webpage</u>.

Wayne County training coming soon!



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You did it!

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we want to take a moment to recognize all the hard work, creativity, and dedication you've poured into your programs. From supporting children's development to building meaningful relationships with families, your commitment has not gone unnoticed. While the year is winding down, the last two months are just as important-this is a time to deepen the sense of community you've worked so hard to build.

In this issue, you'll find resources to help you close out the year with intention, including the State Kindergarten Transition Toolkit, a folder full of end-of-year family engagement ideas, and a special shoutout to our Family Engagement Champions. Let's continue to finish strong, together.









Thinking about Final Conferences and Next Years

Home Visits

<u>As you prepare for final conferences</u>, begin by reviewing each child's growth report from your assessment tool. This will help you reflect on their individual progress and be ready to share specific examples of growth with families.

Discuss the families' plans for the upcoming school year:



- Transitioning to a local school?
- Moving somewhere with siblings?

Engage in conversation with the families to determine how you can best support this transition and share any relevant resources.

Looking ahead to next year's home visits,

Conducting home visits in the child's home environment allows you to see their interests, routines, and relationships, which helps build stronger partnerships with families. It also reinforces that learning happens everywhere and that families are essential partners in supporting their child's growth and success.

Now is also a good time to prepare the ASQ QR code from the Family Access page. You can print it or save it as a PDF to easily share with families, helping them complete the screening before the new school year begins. This thoughtful preparation supports meaningful conversations and a strong start to the upcoming year.

Using the ASQ information during your home visit can help you better understand each child's developmental strengths and areas where they may need support. Reviewing the results with families in their home creates a comfortable, familiar setting that encourages open conversation and connection.

Alsol as you begin preparing for the 2025-2026 school year, now is a great time to start thinking about creating "Meet the Teacher" documents, brainstorming ideas for back-to-school events, and planning how you'll introduce your program to families. These early touchpoints help set the tone for strong family partnerships from the very beginning. We'll be sharing more tools and guidance to support your planning when we return in early fall!



End of the Year Celebrations

As the school year wraps up, many families and educators naturally look for ways to celebrate the progress children have made. While formal graduations are not permitted per our Policies and Procedures Handbook, there are still meaningful and developmentally appropriate ways to mark this special time together.

Instead of a traditional ceremony, consider hosting a family engagement event focused on connection, reflection, and fun. Activities might include a photo slideshow highlighting children's growth throughout the year, sharing portfolios or artwork, or even creating scrapbooks together as keepsakes. These moments not only celebrate accomplishments but also build strong school-family bonds.

You might also consider planning an interactive experience, such as an in-house field trip, themed activity stations, or a parent-child learning activity that reflects the children's interests. Take time during the event to talk about what's ahead-whether that's moving to kindergarten or continuing in preschool-and share ways families can support smooth transitions over the summer.

Most importantly, keep it simple and joyful. Celebrations should reflect the values of early childhood education: hands-on learning, relationship-building, and honoring each child's unique journey.











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March 2025



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Wayne RESA Professional Learning Opportunities



Summer is just around the corner—and so is our annual **Summer Learning Blitz**! Join us for **free**, **virtual professional learning sessions** offered **every weekday throughout August**. Whether you're looking to deepen your practice or explore something new, there's something for everyone.

- SCECHs available for those attending live sessions
- Recordings provided to all who register

Please share this opportunity widely and encourage your teams to take full advantage of these engaging and accessible learning experiences.

We look forward to learning with you this summer!

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Search for additional professional learning opportunities by clicking here: LEARNING STREAM

Attention Directors:

Invite teachers to attend upcoming Wayne RESA Early Childhood Professional Learning Opportunities!

Upcoming WRESA Early Childhood Professional Learning

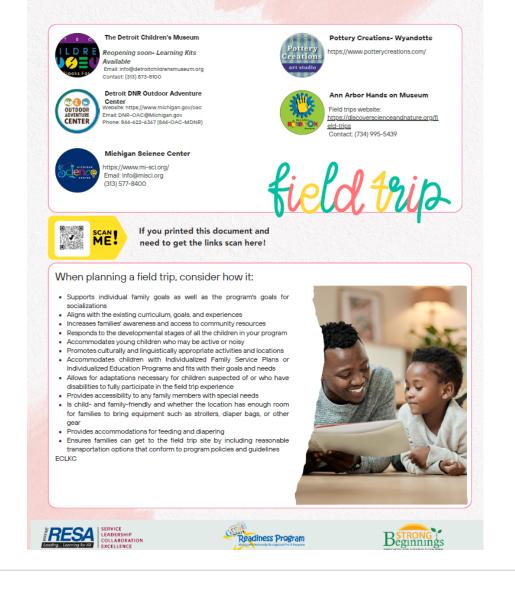


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Local Field Trips





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Empowering Education Leaders:

A Toolkit for Safe, Ethical, and Equitable Al Integration

Resource: Al toolkit

This relevant, user-friendly resource was developed through engagement with educators, community members and technology leaders and is shaped by the real-world challenges faced by schools and districts of all sizes. Whether an education leader is at the beginning stages of AI adoption or is already exploring its applications, this toolkit offers critical guidance to support the intentional use of AI in education across ten key modules—from federal policies to pressing educational issues, including privacy, data security, civil rights, and digital equity. Educators can download a copy of the toolkit at the U.S. Department of Education's <u>Office of Educational</u> <u>Technology website</u>.

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Early On

We know that many of our programs serve infants and toddlers, and Wayne RESA is committed to supporting you to serve families of the youngest of children.

Early On is designed to provide comprehensive services to eligible infants and toddlers and their families. RESA collaborates with Wayne County Human Service agencies, Early Head Start, Infant Mental Health programs as well as local school districts to provide services.

Making a Referral To make a referral for Early On, please do one of the following:

- Call the Wayne RESA Referral Hotline at (734) 334-1393 or 1-800-EARLYON.
- email echild@resa.net.
- visit the Early On online referral website.



Submit a referral for Early On

Learn more about Early On

• 0 years to 2 years, 10 months

Safe And Healthy Schools

Did you know...

Wayne RESA GSRP offers School Nurse Consulting Services to support you, Wayne RESA GSRP and Strong Beginnings partners, in meeting the chronic and acute health needs of your students?

School Nurse Consulting Services, which are available upon request, include:

- Review of and recommendations on program health policies and procedures.
- Free attendance for program staff to the foundational training, Safe and Legal Support of Students with Health and Medication Needs.
- Assistance in securing appropriate individual Medication Administration Authorizations (MAAs) and Medical Management Plans (MMPs)
- Facilitated trainings to support safe implementation of individual MMPs for all identified students, including:
 - Access to templates of necessary forms;
 - Review of completed MAA and MMP forms;
 - General Tier 1 (Awareness) sessions on recognizing and beginning the response to potential health-related emergencies;
 - Student-Specific Tier 2 (Emergency Care) and Tier 3 (Daily Care and Support) training sessions with the identified school health teams and parents/guardians;
- Unlimited consultation for safe and legal school support of identified students' health needs.

- Free attendance for school staff to Medical Emergency Response Team (M.E.R.T.) Training.
- Communicable disease guidance and support.

Please complete this <u>GSRP Nurse Consulting Services Request Form</u> to initiate a formal request for support.

Great Start Collaborative - Wayne County

Great Start Detroit / Wayne County is dedicated to ensuring every child has a strong start in life by collaborating with families and community partners. We help you stay connected with Free to lowcost Events, Help & Fun in Detroit & Wayne County!

On our<u>Find Help</u> page, you will find resources for shelters, food, diapers, finance, and so much more.



Looking for free or low-cost Family Fun? We also work hard to find all the local activities, festivals, reading fun, arts and crafts, and more! Check out our **Find Fun** Page.

Lastly, Check out our updated Out and About Resource Guide!

Click below for

START Trainings and Training Series



Michigan's Child Care Center Administration Business Series is Now Available On Demand!



Are you interested in becoming a Program Director of a licensed child care center or are you an established Program Director looking for strategies and best practices for managing a child care center? If so, this course is for you!

This 30 hour course will cover:



How to efficiently manage and maintain a highquality center



The art of budgeting, fee management and financial reports to ensure your center's financial health



Effective methods to attract families and increase enrollment through strategic marketing initiatives



Acquiring and retaining talented staff through leadership techniques and creating a positive work environment



Michigan's child care center licensing rules to ensure compliance and successful program management

Access the course at: <u>https://plp.michiganvirtual.org/?course=1036</u>

Cost: \$30

This state developed course meets the child care administration content requirement for center program directors.



June 2025



Join the ECE Career Center at Leaps & Bounds Family Servic (8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) and other local hom child care providers at this no-cost specialized professiona development opportunity on Saturday June 21, 2025!

First 30 attendees get a \$50 Gift Card "Must register through MiRegistry in advance"

All training hours approved in MiRegistry

June 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Tough Talks with Parents- Strategies for Difficult Conversations (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) ▲ ●4&5 ■1&7 June 9, 6-8 p.m.: Adult Child Interaction (at 17515 W. 9 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 Suite 190) ●3 & 8 ■1 & 2

June 24, 6-8 p.m.: Director Series: Leadership Tools to Effectively Manage Staff (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) • 5 • 1

In-Person Trainings

June 24, 6-8 p.m.: Michigan Ongoing Health and Safety Training Refresher 2025 (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) • 1

June 25, 6-8 p.m.: ASQ & You - An Introduction to Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3) (at 17515 W. 9 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 Suite 190) •4 & 7 •1, 2 & 4

June 27, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Supporting Families Experiencing Homelessness: How Child Care Providers Can Help (at Macomb ISD 44001 Garfield Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48038) ■4



To register, scan the QR code or call one of our Customer Service Navigators at (313) 402-0802 or (586) 879-3303

Through Song and Rhyme

Fun for Everyone ▲●2 & 8 ■1

June 27, 1-3 p.m.: Caregiver

June 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Reading

Pre-Recorded Self-Paced Webinars

Participants will receive emailed instructions with course requirements as the training date nears. The webinar must be watched in it's entirety to receive credit. June 13, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Let's June 25, 2-4 p.m.: Learning

June 2, 2-4 p.m.: Treasure Baskets with Infants and Toddlers Pretend®3&8 ■1 June 4, 5-7 p.m.: Playroom

June 16, 6-8 p.m.: Activities for School-Aged Children A 1

Materials and Organization June 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Conflict Resolution: Helping Toddlers

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June 17, 5-7 p.m.: Conflict Resolution: Toddler Temperament 3&8 1 1&2



June 26, 12:30-2:30 p.m.: Strengthening Families: Using the Approach to Build Relationships With Families @2 & 4 5

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July 2025



Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators

In-Person Trainings

July 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Learning Lab: Learning Through Song and Rhyme -Let's Sing (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren,

July 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Learning Lab: Supporting Social-Emotional Learning Through Everyday Practices (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 49089) es 1:42

July 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Early Childhood: Professionalism Matters (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services July 9, 5:30–7:30 p.m.: Early Childhood: Professionalism Matters & Bounds Family Services \$129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) \$129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089)

July 23, 6-7 p.m.: Learning Lab: Emergency Management- Let's Get Prepared (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) July 25, 12-2 p.m.: School-Aged Children: Keeping Them Safe! (at Laaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089)

July 28, 6-7 p.m.: Learning Lab: Creativity and Confidence - Infant Toddler Art (at 17515 W. 9 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 Suite 190) 65 1

July 28, 7:15-8:15 p.m.: Learning Lab: Schedules and Routines-Let's Schedule (at 17515 W. 9 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 Suite 190) .8 1

July 31, 10 p.m.-12 p.m.: Outdoor Activity 0-5 (at Leaps & Bounds Family Services 8129 Packard Ave. Warren, MI 48089) @1 & 2 m1

Learning Foundations @2 & 8 1

Resolution: Toddler Temperament

July 30, 6-8 p.m.: Conflict

Pre-Recorded Self-Paced Webinars

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July 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Learning Through Song and Rhyme @2&8 11

July 8, 6-8 p.m.: Caregiver Interactions ©2 & 8 🖬

July 10. 9-11 a.m.: Conflict Resolution: Helping Toddlers Problem Solve . & & 1 & 2 July 14, 5-7 p.m.: Conflict Resolution: Strategies for Problem Solving Strategies 4 0 2 July 15, 4-6 p.m.: Playroom Materials and Organization at 46 III.

July 23, 6-8 p.m.: Understanding Preschool Development @2 & 8 1

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BFS Plan Review Office Hours

Child Care Licensing has partnered with the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Fire Services plan review division to offer monthly office hours. This is an opportunity to stay informed, connected, and ask questions surrounding plan reviews.

BFS Office Hours with Kristy Carmichael

Thursday March 6, 2025 3-4pm	Register Here
Thursday April 3, 2025 3-4pm	Register Here
Thursday May 1, 2025 3-4pm	Register Here
Thursday June 5, 2025 3-4pm	Register Here
Thursday July 3, 2025 3-4pm	Register Here
Thursday August 7, 2025 3-4pm	Register Here

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

State of Michigan - Child Care Licensing Bureau Support

Paris Howard - Wayne Area Manager 313-300-4317 HowardP10@michigan.gov https://www.michigan.gov/mileap/early-childhood-education/cclb Upcoming Office Hours: Wayne Region with Paris Howard

> May 21, 2025 Jun 18, 2025 *12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m*

Zoom Registration Link - Wayne Region

Wayne Region Office Hours Link

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Consultant FAQ

ASQ Support

Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ®) provides reliable, accurate developmental and socialemotional screening for children.

ASQ Technical Assistance is available! If your program needs ASQ Online training, login or password info, or access to the Help Me Grow partner Google Drive please don't hesitate to reach out to Amber Anderson at Help Me Grow. Please see the TA Request Link below.

All GSRP programs should be a Help Me Grow partner to receive their ASQ Online Account.

Amber Anderson <u>amber@greatstartwayne.org</u> Care Coordinator/Technical Assistance *Help Me Grow Michigan Great Start Collaborative Detroit-Wayne* 313-410-5235

GSRP Office Hours every Thursday at 2pm

Topic: Amber Anderson's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5969353317 Meeting ID: 596 935 3317

ASQ TA Request Link: ASQ Assistance Request

Help Me Grow Partner Folder



Great Start to Quality Job Board

Do you have openings in your program? Great Start to Quality can help you find qualified candidates!

Early Childhood Job Board - Great Start to Quality



Job postings are good for 60 days and can be renewed, if needed.

Send the jobs description(s), program location and submission contact information to jobs@ecic4kids.org

Once a candidate submits a resume or cover letter, Great Start to Quality sends them directly to the program.

School Readiness Advisory Committee

Parent/Guardian SRAC Interest Form

Teacher SRAC Interest Form







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