

Early Childhood Digest

Info, Resources, Due Dates, Alerts & More



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December 19, 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-year-old children and the Strong Beginnings pilot for eligible three-year-old children.

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From Libby Rogowski, Executive Director of Early Childhood

Dear Wayne County Early Childhood Partners,

I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to each of you for the incredible work you do on behalf of young children and their families in Wayne County. Your dedication makes a lasting difference!

As we approach the Holiday break, I wish you days filled with laughter, love, and joy. May this season bring you rest and renewal, and I look forward to reconnecting with you in 2026.

Please mark your calendars—we are excited to see you virtually on **January 23rd** for our second Advisory Meeting of the 2025–2026 school year.



25/26 Year At A Glance

Year at a Glance

ACTION STEPS

Action Steps

FISCAL DEADLINES

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UPCOMING

1. **Program Change Requests** are due by January 16, 2026.
2. GSRP **Main Operations and Transportation Ledgers** are due to be completed on or before January 15, 2026.

ENROLLMENT Deadlines

- Go to [ENROLLMENT](#)

UPCOMING

1. January **Enrollment Review** DUE January 16, 2026 as of January 7, 2026.

REPORTING AND MONITORING Deadlines

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UPCOMING

1. **MiRegistry Staff Information Report** updates are DUE February 6, 2026.

RESOURCES

- Go to [RESOURCES](#)
1. Attention Providers using Teaching Strategies GOLD: Want to earn \$20 to participate in a research study about GSRP in Wayne County? See *The Effects of Instructional Coaching on Prekindergarten* Invitation for a Research Study.
 2. Please complete the *Course Catalog Survey* and share with Teachers. The Surveys are DUE January 16, 2026.

HUB DEADLINES

UPCOMING

1. SAVE THE DATE for the *Leadership Connection* on January 15, 2026.
2. SAVE THE DATE for the *GSRP Advisory* on January 23, 2026.



The flyer is a vertical rectangle with a blue and red color scheme. On the left side, there are two circular images: the top one shows a group of adults with their hands stacked in a circle, and the bottom one shows a group of diverse young children smiling. To the right of these images, the text 'WAYNE COUNTY GSRP ADVISORY MEETING' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below this, the time '10:00AM - 12:00PM' is displayed in white capital letters on a blue background. Further down, the date 'JANUARY 23, 2026' and the word 'VIRTUAL' are shown in bold, with 'VIRTUAL' in red. A red 'LINK:' is followed by the URL 'HTTPS://RESA-NET.ZOOM.US/J/82302981069' in red. At the bottom of the main text area, the phrase 'See you there!' is written in a large, black, cursive font. The footer contains three logos: 'WAYNE RESA' with the tagline 'Leading... Learning for All', 'Great Start Readiness Program' with the tagline 'Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program', and 'MiLEAP' with the tagline 'Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential'.

**WAYNE COUNTY
GSRP ADVISORY
MEETING**

10:00AM - 12:00PM

**JANUARY 23, 2026
VIRTUAL**

LINK:
[HTTPS://RESA-NET.ZOOM.US/J/82302981069](https://resa-net.zoom.us/j/82302981069)

See you there!

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Readiness Program**
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

MiLEAP
Michigan Department of Lifelong
Education, Advancement, and Potential

! SAVE THE DATE

Links to virtual sessions will be provided via email.

LEADERSHIP CONNECTION



schedule

VIRTUAL SESSIONS 1:00PM - 2:00PM

2026

JANUARY 15TH

FEBRUARY 12TH

MARCH 12TH

APRIL 9TH

MAY 14TH

JUNE 11TH



Enrollment

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Fiscal

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Reporting & Monitoring/Assessment

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Social Emotional Support

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Resources

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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



Set your child up
for success.

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تم تطوير هذه المواد بموجب منحة
مخصصة من إدارة ميشيغان للتعليم
على الحياة والتقدم والاحتمالات



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para el éxito.

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Enrollment




ENROLLMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE 2025-2026

****PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

JANUARY ENROLLMENT	
Due date to WRESA:	1/16/26
As of:	1/7/26

FEBRUARY ENROLLMENT + APPLICATION	MARCH ENROLLMENT + APPLICATION
Due date to WRESA:	Due date to WRESA:
N/A	3/13/26
As of:	As of:
N/A	3/4/26

APRIL ENROLLMENT + APPLICATION	MAY ENROLLMENT + APPLICATION
Due date to WRESA:	Due date to WRESA:
4/17/26	5/15/26
As of:	As of:
4/8/26	5/6/26

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Enrollment Reminder

Once new students are enrolled in MISTAR, please ensure that the **Student Program History and Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** information is fully completed. Please follow the steps below for guidance.

In MISTAR, go to **Student Program History** and follow the steps below to confirm that all required data has been entered for each student:

1. Click **Find** to bring up your list of students.

2. **Select the first student.**

After completing the steps for the first student, use the ">" **arrow** to the right of the *Find* button to move to the next student.

3. **Ensure an Early Childhood Student Program History record exists.**

1. If no record exists, click **Add Program** to create one.

4. Click the **View or Edit** icon on the current Early Childhood record to verify that all required fields are completed, including:

Program History Fields

Early Childhood Program Data

1. **Begin Date:** Date the student will begin receiving services

2. **Begin Reason:** *Initial*

3. **End Date:** Leave blank

4. **End Reason:** Leave blank

5. **Program:** 01-GSRP or 22-Michigan Strong Beginnings

6. **Delivery Method**

7. **Delivery Schedule**

8. **Additional Eligibility Factor**

9. **Qualification Factor**

5. At the top of the Program History screen, ensure the **Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Data** is populated.

Click **Edit** (on the right) and confirm the following:

1. **Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Percentage**

2. **FPL**

3. **Effective Date:** Should match the *Entry Date*

Need help?

Click this video: [Program Record Training Video](#) for a visual walkthrough of adding this information.

If you need additional support, please submit a ticket to the [Help Desk](#).

Unsure how to submit a ticket? This [Help Desk Training Video](#) will guide you through creating and submitting a ticket.

MISTAR Pre-Enrollment

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



Wayne County RESA GSRP Pre-enrollment

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.

1. A Local School District
2. A Public School Academy (PSA)
3. A Community Based Organization (CBO). For a list of all GSRP program locations, please click here: [Wayne County GSRP Map](#).

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

How to Enroll in Wayne County GSRP



Libby Rogowski
Executive Director of Early Childhood
Wayne RESA

or GSRP, pre enrollment page.

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

Recruitment Documents

[Recruitment Ideas](#)

[Recruitment Log](#)

2024-2025 Enrollment

2025-2026 Enrollment

2025-2026 Enrollment File

- [Enrollment Training Slides](#)
- [Interest Form \(Optional\)](#)
- [Interest Form: Google Form Version \(Optional\)](#)
- [GSRP Intake Application - English](#)
- [GSRP Intake Application - Spanish](#)
- [GSRP Intake Application - Arabic](#)
- [Wayne County Child Record Review](#)
- [LARA Child Information Record - English](#)
- [LARA Child Information Record - Spanish](#)
- [LARA Child Information Record - Arabic](#)
- [LARA Health Appraisal \(2 pages\)](#)
- [LARA Written Information Packet Documentation](#)

2025-2026 Family Engagement File

- [Individual Development Plan \(IDP\) \(2 pages\) - Home Visits](#)
- [Individual Development Plan \(IDP\) \(2 pages\) - Family Conferences](#)
- [Family Contact Form](#)
- [Family Contact Form: Google Form Version](#)
- [Partnering on Child Development \(Optional\)](#)

2025-2026 Guidance Documents

- [Early Childhood Program Overview](#)
- [Eligibility Factors Defined](#)
- [Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)

Head Start

- [Head Start Locator](#)
- [Federal Poverty Level Calculator](#)
- [Head Start Referral Process](#)
- [Early Childhood Program Overview](#)

CBOs ONLY: Pre-Enrollment/Automated Referral Process

CBO Pre-Enrollment Referral Process

Videos Available

Accepting a New Referral

Denying a New Referral

MISTAR Service Desk

Jira Ticketing System

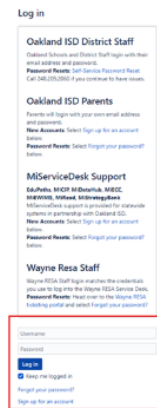
Users will submit, update, and manage tickets through the [MISTAR Customer Service Portal](https://servicedesk.oakland.k12.mi.us/servicedesk).
(<https://servicedesk.oakland.k12.mi.us/servicedesk>)

You will receive email notifications of new tickets and updates for submitted tickets or from the email address below

Service Desk (MISTAR ticket #) <jira-no-reply@oakland.k12.mi.us>

Account Login:

- You may already have an account created and will use your email address as your username to login. To obtain your password, click on the Forgot your password? Link.
- If you receive the message: Password resetting is disabled for your username. Please ask your Jira Service management administrator to enable password resets. [Use this link to reset password: Can't access your account?](#) - Wayne RESA Service Desk
- Enter your Username (email address) and then click on Send - A reset password link will be sent to the specified email address, and you'll follow that link to create a new password.



Creating a New Ticket:



On next page enter the following:

- Add Contact Phone Number
- County - Wayne
- District - RESA EC
- Summary - CBO site name
- Details - Describe the issue: missing student, no schedule, missing teacher, etc.
- How urgent is this – only select Medium
- Click Create to Submit

Viewing Tickets submitted tickets:

- Click on the Requests button in the top right corner of the screen.
- Click on My requests - this will display all the tickets for support that have been submitted
- In the drop down for Open Requests - you can filter on: Any status, Open requests or Closed requests
- Clicking on any request will open it up to be able to view the support conversation that has been taken place on that request.



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.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the Service Desk by [creating a service ticket](#) or calling 734-334-1870.

CBOs ONLY: Early Childhood MISTAR Support

Office Hours for CBO's to receive Early Childhood MISTAR Support, beginning September 26th, from 12:30-1:30, repeating every other week using Zoom.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

One tap mobile:

US: +13017158592,,85709607918# or +13052241968,,85709607918#

Meeting URL:

<https://resa-net.zoom.us/j/85709607918?pwd=L6JVJ2bkpq3btE47VIsANvxeLzl0Rh.1>

Meeting ID:

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Passcode:

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CBOS ONLY: EARLY CHILDHOOD MISTAR SUPPORT

OFFICE HOURS FOR CBO'S TO RECEIVE
EARLY CHILDHOOD MISTAR SUPPORT,
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 26TH, FROM
12:30-1:30, REPEATING EVERY OTHER
WEEK USING ZOOM.

ZOOM MEETING

JOIN ZOOM LINK

MEETING URL

[HTTPS://RESA-NET.ZOOM.US/J/85709607918?
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CBOS ONLY: EARLY CHILDHOOD MISTAR SUPPORT

UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 24, 2025
NOVEMBER 7, 2025
NOVEMBER 21, 2025
DECEMBER 5, 2025
DECEMBER 19, 2025
JANUARY 2, 2026
JANUARY 16, 2026
JANUARY 30, 2026
FEBRUARY 13, 2026
FEBRUARY 27, 2026
MARCH 13, 2026
MARCH 27, 2026
APRIL 10, 2026
APRIL 24, 2026
MAY 8, 2026
MAY 22, 2026
JUNE 5, 2026
JUNE 19, 2026

RESA GSRP



GSRP 25–26SY

BIRTHDATE WINDOWS

AGE ELIGIBLE:

09/02/2020 – 09/01/2021

Age-eligible children will turn four (4) on or before September 1, 2025

EARLY ENROLLMENT:

09/02/2021 – 12/01/2021

Early Enrollment children (also referred to as 'window, gap or bubble children') will turn four (4) from September 2, 2025 - December 1, 2025

REFER TO HELP ME GROW: 12/02/2021 +

Children born on or after December 2, 2021 are not eligible to receive GSRP services during the 25-26SY

CALL OR TEXT 1(313) 410-4588



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 1st for families who are at 400% FPL and below. Families who self-report their income cannot be placed until August 15th 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: [Self-Reported Income Documentation form final for ADA](#)

Enrollment Resources



2025-2026 Enrollment Training.pdf

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2. Eligibility Factor and Enrollment GuidancePDF.pdf

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MISTAR_Early Childhood Report_HOW TO.pdf

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2025-2026 State of Michigan PreK for All Digital Toolkit

Digital Toolkit

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Fiscal Reminders

Carryover is reported alongside Main Operations expenses in the GSRP Google ledger reports. As providers submit expense and report funds, the carryover will be tracked. Once the carryover has been fully spent, the ledgers will notify the provider by displaying the message "Carryover Spent". When that happens, we request that providers complete the Carryover FER report, which is located in the FYE26 Main Operations Budget. LEA/PSAs who complete their ledgers in SMART will need to track their carryover spending independently.

All 2024-2025 carryover funds must be expensed by December 31 and the carryover FER is due by no later than January 31. Please note that the Carryover Budget and Carryover FER should match exactly.

*Note: To help ensure that funds are spent in time for the deadline, we recommend allocating the carryover funds to wages and benefits.

All Expense Ledgers due January 15

GSRP Main Operations and Transportation Ledgers are due to be completed on or **before January 15** and are due every month by the 15th. PSAs/LEAs who use SMART are permitted to track their expenses in SMART and are not required to complete ledgers in Google. Please note that if your budget needs to be revised, check the Google comments that have been emailed to you and are located within the transportation budget. Providers without an approved transportation budget will be ineligible for payment.

New Capital Outlay Guidelines

Capital Outlay Process

The Capital Outlay process includes planning, approval, bidding, and execution of projects that involve substantial investments in infrastructure, facilities, or equipment:

- Any single project cost **\$10,000 or more in GSRP costs**
- Multiple related projects with a combined **cost exceeding \$10,000 in GSRP costs**

If a project or group of related, interlinked projects with a **combined cost of \$10,000 being billed to GSRP**, then the provider must:

1. Notify the assigned Program ECC of the provider's intention to complete the project.
2. Add the project as a purchased service in the budget that will fund the project.
3. Obtain at least three bids.
4. Evaluate bids based on cost, qualifications, and compliance.
5. Select the most qualified and cost-effective bidder.
6. Complete the GSRP Capital Outlay form, attach all the bids collected and submit form to assigned P-ECC and Admin and Fiscal Consultants.
7. Receive written project approval from WCRESA. WCRESA will review the project, and it will need to receive approval from:
 - Program Early Childhood Consultant
 - Administrative and Fiscal Consultant
 - Executive Director of Early Childhood (for costs above \$30,000)

Once the project has been completed receipts, bids and executed contracts should be placed in the program's GSRP budget folder in Google Drive and the GSRP ledgers should be updated to reflect that the project has been paid for.

If a project or group of projects with a **combined cost of \$30,000 or more** (and \$10,000 or more is billed to GSRP), the project exceeds the State of Michigan's "bid threshold":

- If the project exceeds the bid threshold and the provider is an LEA or PSA, then the provider must follow their internal purchasing procedures.
- If the provider is a CBO, then the provider must secure a minimum of 3 bids without exception.

Capital Outlay projects should be allocated with the original budget allocation.

All Capital Outlay projects are expected to be **submitted to WCRESA for approval prior to March 30th, and must be completed and paid for by May 30th** without exception.

No projects may be paid for and no work may be started on the project prior to receiving written approval from WCRESA for any project utilizing GSRP funds (of \$10,000 or more).

If a project is **started without receiving written approval from WCRESA, no GSRP funding may be used** to pay for any portion of the project. (Exceptions apply in emergency situations that compromise student safety.)

Please be sure to make a copy of the form below before completing:



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.**
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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.
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Transportation Ledgers

Transportation ledgers, as with Main Operations Ledgers, are due to be completed by the 15th 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?



Form_for_gsrp_public_transportation_reimbursement.pdf

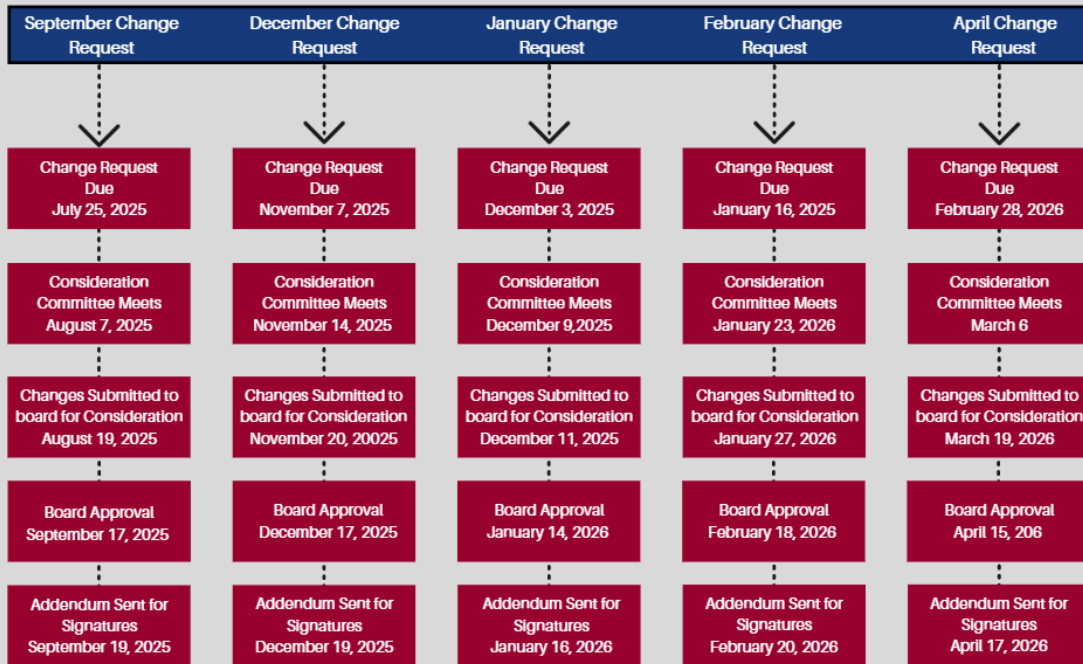
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Program Allocation and Funding Changes

Please note that any changes to a provider's allocation and funding, including reductions, must be approved in writing by WCRESA prior to any adjustments being made. This includes site or classroom changes, changes to the number of students, changes in the delivery method (4-day v 5-day), changes in ratio or # of teachers per classroom, or to transportation services.

To request any changes, providers are required to complete the [Provider Change Request form](#) along with any necessary supporting documentation to the main early childhood department email address, earlychildhood@resa.net.

Due dates for Program Change Requests for the 2025-2026 school year can be found below:



**All Dates are subject to change with prior notice

Plan for Provider Change Request Form

Fiscal Training Recordings

In May, June, July, August and September fiscal trainings were offered for the 25/26 school year. Please see the link below to access and reference as needed.

Fiscal Training Recordings and Slides



Payment Schedule (1).pdf

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GSRP Budget Schedule 25-26.pdf

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Reporting and Monitoring/Assessment

Staff Information Report DUE February 6, 2026

Action Needed: Update MiRegistry

Important Reminders:

- All employees need a MiRegistry account
- Update Organizational Details tab
- Update Program Info tab - Benefits Offered
- Update Classrooms tab
- Update Employees tab

MiRegistry Staff Information Report Job Aids

2025-2026 Contract Supporting Documentation

Wayne RESA has implemented a new tracking process to collect Contract Supporting Documentation.

This survey is being used to collect information for the 2025/2026 school year. Due to the new process, please resubmit forms here even if you have submitted them in previous years. If you have more than 5 sites please contact the Program Early Childhood Consultant (P-ECC) assigned to your program to submit the required documents. Also, if there are any additional questions contact your PECC.

Information being collected:

For LEAs, PSAs and CBOs: Emergency Evacuation Maps or Site Maps and a Legally Executed Lease for each building



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Sign in



Please review the job aids below to be sure all MiRegistry tabs are completed correctly, especially when identifying GSRP staff and classrooms.

Contract Supporting Documentation Link

Mifreepreschool.org Updates

To request updates to the www.mifreepreschool.org search, providers should update their program contact records through Great Start to Quality at: [Login](#)

Wayne RESA GSRP Data Collection and Reporting Timeline

	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.
ASQ-3 Completion	Completed at home visit												
COR/GOLD Baseline (Period 1)	Beginning: 1st day of school Prior to December 31, 2025				Ending:								
Initial Goal Setting/Review (ASQ-3 and/or COR/GOLD data or previous year Classroom Coach CIP)	Beginning: ASQ-3 Completion Prior to November 28, 2025				Ending:								
Classroom Coach Baseline New Subrecipients - Full baseline			Beginning Sept 10, 2025 Ending: Prior to Dec 5, 2025										
Classroom Coach Baseline Review (Goal setting for new programs)			Beginning Sept 24, 2025 Ending: Prior to Dec 19, 2025										
COR/GOLD Mid-Year (Period 2)				Beginning: After November 3, 2025 Ending: Prior to March 31, 2026									
Mid-Year Goal Setting (COR/GOLD, Classroom Coach CIP review)				Beginning: After November 3, 2025 Ending: Prior to March 31, 2026									
COR/GOLD End-of-Year (Period 3)							Beginning: After February 2, 2026 Ending: Prior to June 30, 2026						
Classroom Coach End of Year							Beginning: March 1, 2026 Ending: Prior to May 15, 2026						
EOY Goal Setting (Classroom Coach)										Beginning: March 20, 2026 Ending: Prior to June 12, 2026			
COR/GOLD End-of-Year (Period 4)										RESA Approval Required			
The following items require a copy of the Agenda, Minutes, and Sign in Sheets to be submitted electronically to your RESA ECC													
Data Analysis Meeting # 1 Review Screening/Assessment Data		After ASQ is completed Ending: Prior to December 31, 2025 Submitted to RESA by December 31, 2025											
Family Participation Group #1 & Data Analysis Meeting # 2				After Period 2 Assessment Ends Ending: Prior to March 31, 2026 Submitted to RESA by March 31, 2026									
Family Participation Group #2 & Data Analysis Meeting # 3							After Period 3 Assessment Ends Ending: Prior to June 30, 2026 Submitted to RESA by June 30, 2026						
Dates subject to change													

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ASQ Ages and Stages Questionnaire

ASQ Requirement

Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ®) provides reliable, accurate developmental and social-emotional 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

amber@greatstartwayne.org

Care Coordinator/Technical Assistance

Help Me Grow Michigan

Great Start Collaborative Detroit-Wayne

313-410-5235

ASQ TA Request Link: [ASQ Assistance Request](#)

UPDATED GSRP Office Hours every Friday beginning November 21, 2025

Fridays, 9am and 2pm

Topic: Amber Anderson's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5969353317>

Meeting ID: 596 935 3317

A promotional graphic for ASQ Assistance. It features a blue background with a white door on the left. The text 'ASQ Assistance' is prominently displayed in large, bold, black letters. In the top left corner, the RESA logo is visible, with the tagline 'Leading... Learning for All'. To the right of the logo, it says 'SERVICE LEADERSHIP COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE'. On the right side, there is a circular inset showing a desk with a red apple, a red stapler, and a pencil holder. Above this, a corkboard displays the word 'School' made of colorful letter tiles. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'ASQ Assistance Request Link' in white, with a paper airplane icon pointing towards it.

ASQ Assistance

As part of our new program to bring you the quickest assistance with your ASQ Online accounts, please use the link below to our ASQ Assistance Request Link.

[ASQ Assistance Request Link](#)

Help Me Grow Partner WEBSITE

[Help Me Grow Website](#)

[GSRP Implementation Manual](#)

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Social Emotional

Social Emotional Support

Dr. Kelly Anderson, Early Childhood Social Emotional Consultant

Coming back after the winter break often feels like we are starting all over again. Remind your teaching teams to focus on revisiting the expectations and reteaching classroom rules. A return to a regular and predictable schedule is often the most effective way to support students who struggle with challenging behavior as they return to the classroom. If you see new or concerning behavior collaborate with your ECC/ ECS to assess what might be going on for that child.

If you have any questions about how to support a child please do not hesitate to reach out to your classroom consultant who will connect with our RESET team.



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Social Emotional Learning Office Hours

Log in to talk through struggles that you are having with challenging behaviors when you need a thought partner.



Connect Via Zoom

<https://resa-net.zoom.us/j/81488038351>

Every
Tuesday

2:30–3:15 pm

EC PBIS Updates

Tier 1 Series is Available in the Winter

We are very excited to share EC PBIS/ Pyramid Practices with everyone in Wayne County. We have successfully completed our fall series with a group of over 100 participants! We look forward to offering this training again in the winter with sessions on 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, and 3/6. Please note, all of the EC PBIS trainings are offered in series meaning you will be coming for multiple days. The tier 1 series is 4 Fridays long. The tier 2 & 3 series are both 2 Fridays. Also of note: Lunch is not provided between sessions. Please plan to bring your lunch.

New RESA Resources Available

Website is Up!

The RESA EC PBIS website has been updated to include all of the resource links one might need to support tier 1 & 2 practices. <https://www.resa.net/early-education/social-emotional-pbis/> These resources include links to documents referenced in the TTEC Guide and in presentations given so far this year on EC PBIS.

NEW TTEC Guide is Complete!

We have completed a tier 1/2 resource guide to support teaching teams and programs experiencing challenging behaviors. This virtual guide will allow you to easily access tools and

links to support your needs. Please ask your classroom coach if you would like help navigating this resource. [TTEC Guide](#)

Trainings Available

Event Information

SEL Essentials

https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0047-0004-7d5e4cafbfb304b52af2bf7a982891a43

When?

Friday, Feb 6, 2026, 09:00 AM

Event Information

EC PBIS Tier 1

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When?

Friday, Jan 23, 2026, 09:00 AM

Where?

WCCCD Downriver Bookstore, Northline Road, Taylor, MI, USA

Event Information

EC PBIS Tier 2

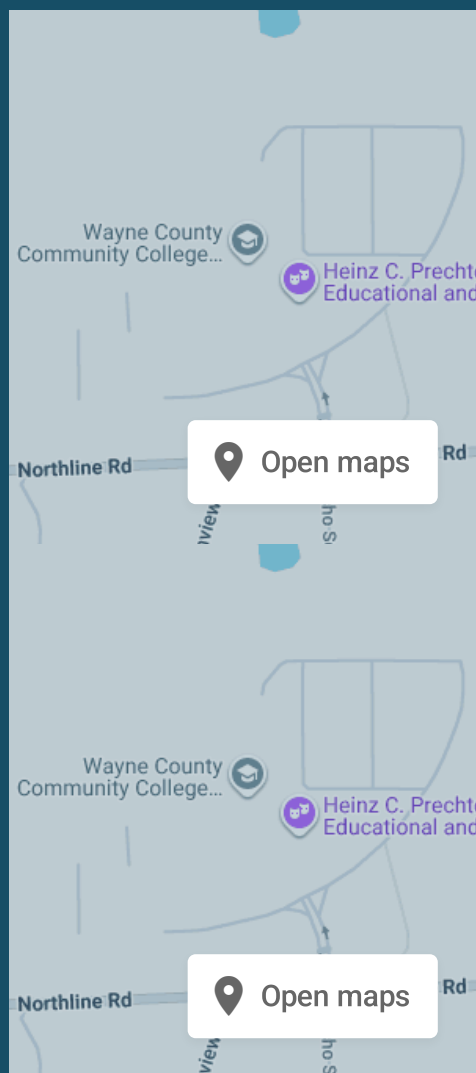
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When?

Friday, Jan 23, 2026, 01:00 PM

Where?

WCCCD Downriver Bookstore, Northline Road, Taylor, MI, USA



Best Practices and Useful Reminders

Banking Time: Strengthening Your Relationship With Individual Children

Strong, safe, nurturing, and responsive teacher-child relationships are essential for young children to thrive. Children may show you through their behavior that they need more relational connection, or you might identify a child you want to strengthen your relationship with.

What is it?

Banking Time is a strategy that focuses on improving the relationship between an individual child and their teacher. Teachers use specific strategies to support positive relational interactions with children.

How do you use it?

- ▶ **Identify a child with whom to use Banking Time.**
 - The child might be someone you want to build a stronger relationship with.
 - It might be a child where a relational boost would be beneficial or healing.
 - A child with behavior that challenges the adults indicating they could use positive relational time with a safe, trusted, nurturing, and responsive adult.
- ▶ **Meet with the child for play-based one-on-one relationship-building time 2-3 times a week for 10-15 minutes.**
 - Think about a quiet space in the learning environment or a space outside the environment, like a hallway, where sessions can happen.
 - Let the child pick a play-based activity that they will engage in with the teacher.
 - Make sure there are enough materials for the child and the teacher to play.
 - Engage in the activity with the child.

Banking Time strategies to try:

Follow the child's lead in play.

- ▶ **Let the child pick what and how you play together.**

Elle picks dinosaurs for her banking time session. Her teacher has enough dinosaurs for both her and Elle to use. Elle picks which dinosaurs she wants to use; she also picks which dinosaurs her teacher uses.

- ▶ **Observe the child and their play before you jump in and play with them. Show your interest in what the child is doing by watching with limited talking.**



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5 Classroomwide Practices to Improve Behavior



1 Use a Five-One Ratio of Positive Attention

The 5:1 ratio of positive attention is based on research that has shown that children are better behaved in preschool settings when adults spend the majority of their time attending to positive behavior and not challenging behavior.

2 Use Predictable Schedules

Developing a daily schedule and directly teaching children what comes next is about maintaining a routine and keeping all of the children informed about the routine. This strategy maximizes children's ability to predict what comes next.

3 Establish Routines within Routines

The predictability of a general schedule does not provide enough structure to prevent some children's challenging behaviors. It is often helpful to specify other levels of predictability with one's overall classroom schedule.

4 Directly Teach Behavioral Expectations

Make certain that all children know precisely what behavioral expectations you have for each routine. It is recommended that there be no more than three expectations for any one routine.

5 Directly Teach Peer-Related Social Skills

Actively teaching social skills involves careful planning around routines and activities, arranging the environment to support peer interaction, and implementing strategies such as peer-mediated interventions, adult cueing and prompting, and reinforcement.



See examples and learn how to implement these strategies in *Prevent-Teach-Reinforce for Young Children: The Early Childhood Model of Individualized Positive Behavior Support*.

Learn more at:

<https://bpub.fyi/PTR-YC>



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By: Jaclyn Joseph, Dameri Watson, and Julia Sayles

Children and families experience and process trauma in different ways. You may never fully understand a family's story, and that is okay. Trauma-informed care does not require anyone to be a detective—it is about creating systems and relationships that foster safety, trust, and healing. As a leader, you are essential in creating systems and relationships that support all children and families. Leading trauma-informed Pyramid Model programs is about how you consistently "show up" every day, asking yourself:

"How can I ensure every child, family, and team member feels safe and valued?"

Trauma-Informed Leadership Practices

As a leader, when you focus on trauma-informed practices, you play a crucial role in creating a program where every child, family, and team member can experience success, including those impacted by trauma. SAMHSA's six principles of a trauma-informed approach are the foundation for the five practices described below. They are adapted for Pyramid Model programs to offer specific ways to lead with care and compassion in early childhood settings. Some practices may be more important than others for your program as you continue to support the healthy development and well-being of children, families, staff, and yourself.

Create a Trauma-Informed Culture

A culture of care begins with consistency.

- ▶ **Share the Commitment** by making trauma-informed care central to your program's mission and daily work. Help your team understand why trauma-informed care is important for every child and family. Discuss this commitment regularly—in daily conversations, staff meetings, family communications, and program materials—to show that it guides everything you do.
- ▶ **Prioritize Safety, Trust, and Transparency for Everyone** through clear policies, consistent processes, and predictable teaming routines. Build trust by making decisions together with families and staff. Ensure your program welcomes and supports all team members, children, and families.



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Working with a young child who has experienced trauma can bring up many feelings for the family and practitioner supporting them. It may feel overwhelming or confusing. How to help them may be unclear, especially if the child exhibits unsafe behaviors. In these instances, using trauma-responsive practices can promote safety, growth, and healing. Trauma-responsive practices focus on supporting the child's emotional and physical safety and building coping skills that can be used during times of stress. Trauma-responsive practices happen through adult and child relationships, child and child relationships, and adult relationships.

As a reminder, trauma occurs when frightening or harmful events overwhelm a child's ability to cope or deal with the event or events. Some children experience trauma from ongoing or recurring experiences such as chronic abuse or witnessing domestic violence. Trauma can also occur due to a single event, such as a natural disaster or a car accident. Trauma is a highly individualized experience. How an event or set of events impacts a child depends on a variety of factors, including:

- ▶ the severity of an event;
- ▶ the amount of exposure to an event;
- ▶ the child's age and development;
- ▶ other past experiences;
- ▶ the child's temperament and
- ▶ most importantly, protective factors that may buffer the impacts of trauma including nurturing and responsive caregivers, families who have social support, and access to supports such as high-quality early care and education, health care, mental health care, and other resources.

Supporting safety is the priority for young children and their families who have experienced trauma or may be experiencing trauma. Skill-building or healing may be challenging until the child and family feel safe. You may not be able to control how safe other environments are for the child; however, you can actively create safety in your program or learning environments.



You can help young children who have experienced trauma feel safe in many ways, including creating learning environments that provide predictability, consistency, routines, and clear expectations for behavior and offering opportunities for curiosity, exploration, and the development of social skills. Building nurturing, supportive, and responsive relationships can support children's emotional safety. Supporting emotional safety allows a child to feel successful in relationships, to feel valued, to show weakness or vulnerability without fear of being punished or judged, and ultimately to support healing and growth.



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Additional Resources



Preschool Pyramid Model Practices eModules Series

The Pyramid Model for Promoting Social and Emotional Competence is a multi-tiered system of support for young children. It can support any early childhood education curriculum and, when implemented with fidelity, improves social-emotional outcomes for all children. This series provides information and instructional strategies for implementing all levels of the Pyramid Model for preschool classrooms. This includes the intentional teaching of social-emotional competencies, embedded instruction, and individualized support planning, as well as the necessary coaching support to bring these practices to fidelity in the preschool classroom.

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EC PBIS Design Form



EC PBIS Design Request Form

Please complete the form below to request EC PBIS flyers and/or posters.

Before submitting your request, be sure the matrix provided to you has been completed, reviewed with your C-ECC, and emailed to earlychildhood@resa.net.



If you would like your program's logo included, please email a high-resolution logo file to earlychildhood@resa.net with the subject line **"Program Logo."**



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Resources

Course Catalog Survey

Directors and Teachers: Please Complete

Directors: Kindly share the survey below with the Teachers in your program.

Attention Directors: Course Catalog Survey

Attention Teachers: Course Catalog Survey



Invitation For Research Study



You are invited to share your views for a study titled: *Effects of Instructional Coaching on Prekindergarten Teachers in a State-Funded Prekindergarten Program.*

- One 60-minute interview that will be audiorecorded (no videorecording)
- You would receive a \$20 Visa gift card as a thank you
- To protect your privacy, the published study will not share any names or details that identify you

Interviews will take place during December 2025 and January 2026.

Volunteers must meet these requirements:

- Early childhood educators who are currently teaching in the state-funded prekindergarten program in Wayne County
- Participating in instructional coaching
- Using Teaching Strategies GOLD

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact:

Dez'arae Adams at dezarae.adams@waldenu.edu



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Family Engagement WORK GROUP UPDATES

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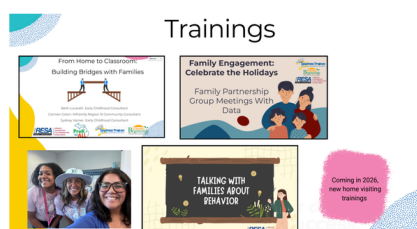
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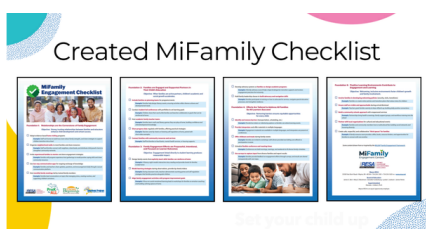
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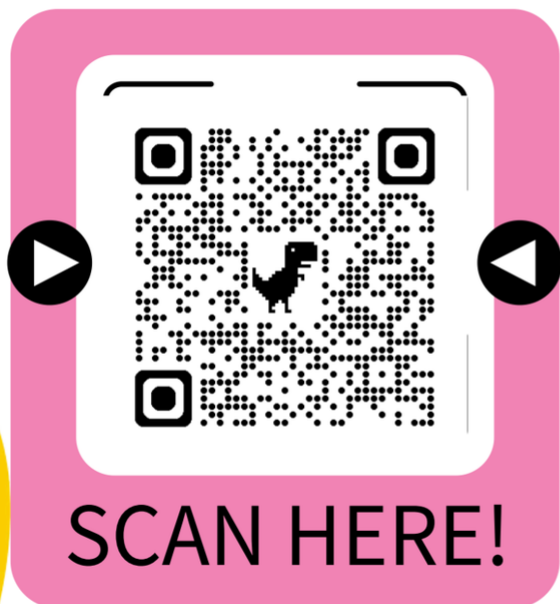


Trainings



Created MiFamily Checklist





Bookmark and save!
These Resources

Set your child up
for success.

2025 Family Engagement Newsletters and Resources

Family-School Partnerships

are crucial for your child's education.

But it goes beyond the classroom.

Visit **ReadWithMI.org** to find out
how you can get more involved
with your child's education.



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Enrollment Opens Nov. 15 for Benefits for Child Care Providers

MiLEAP and SBAM encourage providers to enroll in affordable health, life and retirement benefits that bring stability, security and career support

The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP), in partnership with the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM), today announced that open enrollment for the Nurture Benefits pilot begins November 15. The program offers licensed and license-exempt child care providers across Michigan access to affordable health, life and retirement benefits to support their careers and the families they serve. Currently, only 35% of child care providers receive health insurance through their employer.

Administered by SBAM, the Nurture Benefits pilot gives child care employers the opportunity to offer affordable health, life and retirement benefits to their staff. Eligible providers—including licensed and license-exempt center-based, family home and group home settings working 30 or more hours per week—can begin enrolling on Nov. 15, 2025, with coverage effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Through Nurture Benefits, providers gain access to:

- Medical, dental and vision coverage
- Life and retirement benefits
- Wellness and behavioral health resources
- Additional features help providers navigate the program, including:
 - Tiered benefit packages to fit diverse needs and budgets
 - A user-friendly enrollment platform
 - A dedicated Member Care Team for personalized guidance
 - Online webinars explaining the program, eligibility, benefits and enrollment process
 - A mailing list to receive the latest updates and news

Providers can review all resources, access technical assistance and prepare for enrollment at www.nurturebenefits.com.

MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND COMPETENCIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS



Did you know?

Did you know that MiAEYC has released the Michigan Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators?

Supported by MiLEAP, these standards promote high-quality early childhood programming and serve as tool that provides a set of consistent expectations, across all education levels, for all professionals who interact with our youngest learners. If you have not yet heard about them or seen them, click here to find out more!

<https://learn.miaeyc.org/michigan-professional-standards-and-competencies>

2025-2026 Administrative Guidelines and Procedures

Attention Directors:

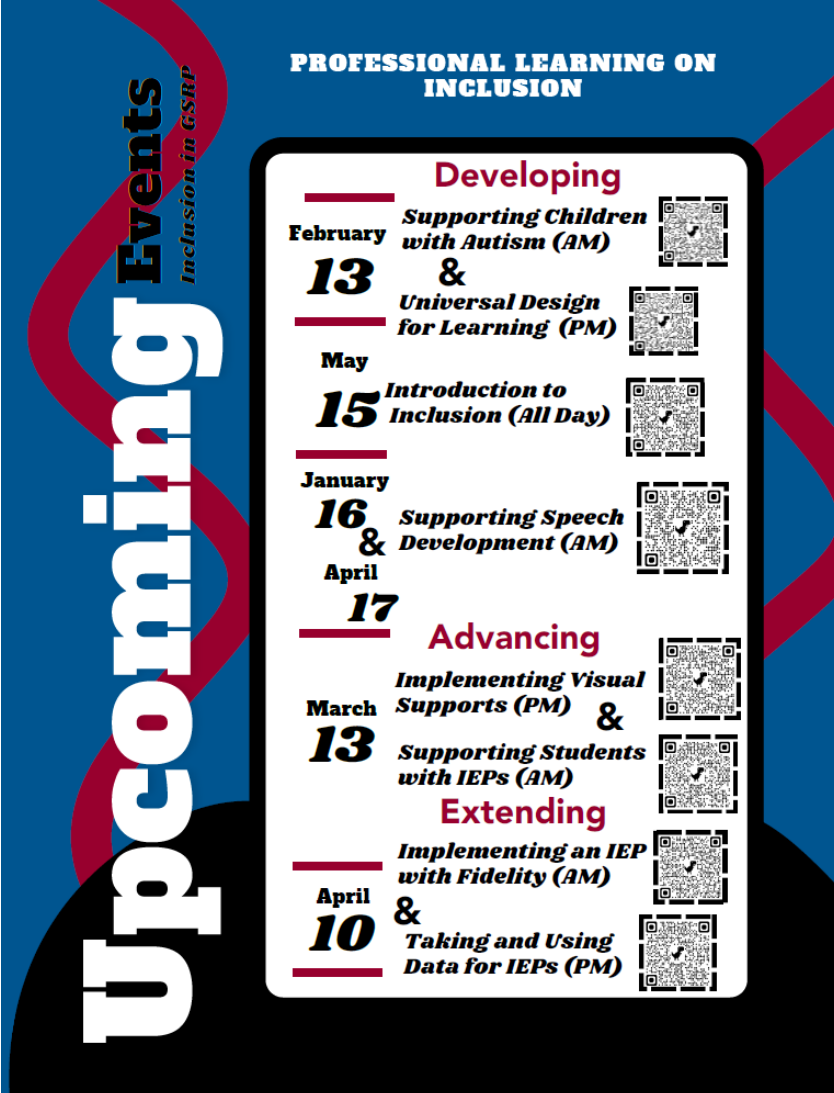
The Wayne County RESA GSRP Administrative Guidelines & Procedures Manual is designed to support your efforts in delivering exceptional programming for enrolled children and their families. It provides clear and consistent guidelines to ensure your program runs smoothly and effectively.

Programs are responsible for the content in this handbook and are encouraged to reach out to their assigned Early Childhood Consultants for clarification and or discuss any challenges. Additionally, refer to this handbook and understanding of the Michigan Department of Lifelong

Education, Advancement and Potential (MiLEAP) implementation manual and your Wayne RESA GSRP Contract as essential resources to guide your work and decision-making process. Wayne RESA is here to support you.

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

Administrative Guidelines and Procedures



Upcoming Events
Inclusion in GSRP

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ON INCLUSION

Month	Date	Topic	Time	QR Code
February	13	Developing Supporting Children with Autism	(AM)	
		& Universal Design for Learning	(PM)	
May	15	Introduction to Inclusion	(All Day)	
January	16	Supporting Speech & Development	(AM)	
April	17	Advancing Implementing Visual Supports	(PM)	
March	13	Supporting Students with IEPs	(AM)	
April	10	Extending Implementing an IEP with Fidelity	(AM)	
		& Taking and Using Data for IEPs	(PM)	



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Upcoming WRESA Early Childhood Professional Learning

Search for Additional professional learning opportunities by clicking here: [LEARNING STREAM](#)

EmpowerED Professional Learning Day -

November 14, 2025

Over 300 GSRP teachers spent the day attending various professional learning sessions of their choosing, engaging in hands-on learning, gaining new strategies and practices to implement in the classroom, deepening their understanding of GSRP classroom implementation practices, and establishing connections with other teachers in their local area. Thanks for your contributions to building GSRP excellence in Wayne County!





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We Want to Hear From You:

Join the GSRP Advisory Planning Committee!

ATTENTION: Early Childhood Specialists, Administrators, Owners, Parents/Guardians, Community Members, Social Service Agency Representatives, Great Start Collaborative-Wayne Partners etc.

The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Advisory Council in Wayne County provides a forum for Consortium members to meet, provide feedback and design activities to strengthen the experience for enrolled children and families. The advisory council reviews program components and when needed, makes recommendations to promote high quality learning environments. This team sets goals for continuous quality improvement of the Great Start Readiness Program. Wayne RESA Early Childhood staff report out to the advisory council on seasonal topics: recruitment, full enrollment, budget, funding application, curriculum, MiLEAP guidance and requirements, transportation, food service etc.

Upcoming GSRP Advisory Planning Meetings (Virtual)

1/9/26 - GSRP Advisory Planning Committee (2p-3p, Virtual)

4/24/26 - GSRP Advisory Planning Committee (2p-3p, Virtual)

GSRP Advisory Council Planning Committee Interest Survey

Local Field Trips



GSRP & SB Field Trip Ideas.pdf

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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.

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 [GSRP Nurse Consulting Services Request Form](#) 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 low-cost Events, Help & Fun in Detroit & Wayne County!

On our [Find Help](#) 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

MSU Study Highlight:

How Expanding Child Care Access Strengthens Michigan's Workforce

MiLEAP is expanding access to high-quality child care through initiatives like PreK for All, MI Tri-Share, and child development and care scholarships, helping parents work, children thrive, and communities grow stronger

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP) today announced a new study from Michigan State University (MSU) highlighting how access to child care directly affects parents' participation in the labor force, especially for mothers and young families. Using data from the [Child Care Mapping Project](#), funded by MiLEAP as part of its [Caring for MI Future initiative](#), the study shows that families living farther from licensed child care providers are significantly less likely to participate in the workforce.

"Access to high-quality, affordable child care is fundamental for families and communities to succeed," said **Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea**, director of MiLEAP. "Every parent deserves the opportunity to work, every child deserves the support to learn and grow, and Michigan's economy deserve a strong, resilient workforce. Through MiLEAP's investment in early education and child care, we are creating real opportunities for families to succeed today and for communities to thrive tomorrow."

The MSU study found that limited access to licensed child care reduces workforce participation, particularly for women, and highlights the economic consequences on Michigan's workforce and economy. According to the study, families living farther from licensed child care providers are significantly less likely to participate in the labor force. On average, every additional mile away from a licensed provider correlates with a 2.7% decrease in women's labor force participation, a 2.2% decrease for two-parent households, and a 1.7% decrease for single-parent households. These child care access-related disruptions cost Michigan an estimated \$2.88 billion annually—\$2.3 billion in employer losses and \$576 million in lost state tax revenue.

"As researchers on the Child Care Mapping Project, our goal was to equip Michigan communities with the data they need to make informed decisions about child care access and investment," said **Dr. Jamie Wu**, associate director of the Community Evaluation Program in MSU's Office of University Outreach and Engagement and research assistant professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. "Our findings show that child care is not just a family issue—it's a workforce and economic one. Expanding access to child care helps more Michiganders participate in the workforce, strengthens family stability, and reduces costly disruptions for employers and the state's economy."

"The findings from MSU's study reinforce what we see every day in our work with families and child care providers across Michigan: when care is unavailable, families—especially mothers—often must take a step back from employment," said **Emily Laidlaw**, deputy director at MiLEAP, overseeing the Office of Early Education. "That's why MiLEAP continues to expand access through initiatives like PreK for All, MI Tri-Share, Early Learning and Family Supports, and Child Development and Care scholarships, to make sure families have the support they need to succeed."

These commitments take shape through several key programs and initiatives that are helping Michigan families every day:

- **PreK for All** – Michigan's initiative to ensure every 4-year-old has access to free preschool, [saving families up to \\$10,000 annually](#) in child care costs.
- **MI Tri-Share** – A [nationally recognized program](#) where the cost of child care is shared equally between the state, the employer, and the employee. Tri-Share served more than 800 families and over 1,000 children statewide, resulting in total family savings of over \$10.2 million in child care costs since the start of the program.
- **The Child Development and Care Scholarship**, which helps low-income families working families cover the cost of child care, supporting over 27,500 families with no- or low-cost care.
- **Early On** – Michigan's system for helping families of infants and toddlers, birth to age 3 who have developmental delays and/or disabilities.

Together, these initiatives demonstrate MiLEAP's proactive commitment to expanding access to high-quality, affordable early education and child care across Michigan. By supporting children, families, and providers, these programs help parents remain in the workforce, equip children with the skills they need to thrive in school and life, and build stronger, more equitable communities throughout the state.

To learn more, visit [MiLEAP's Office of Early Education webpage](#).

Nature Based Teaching and Learning

A new effort is forming in Michigan to support outdoor and nature-based teaching and learning in early childhood and early elementary settings, and to provide a community for educators and supporters.

Do you teach young children outside (or want to)? Are you in a position to bring programming outside, or to advocate for more Michigan children to have opportunities for high-quality outdoor learning, play, and growth through time in nature? **The Michigan Early Childhood Outdoors (MiECO) Hub is for you.**

Please join the free, online Community Kickoff Event for the MiECO Hub on January 14 at 4:00 p.m. Other states are working together to remove barriers and get children learning in nature, and Michigan is already making tremendous strides toward these goals. Your engagement will help strengthen this momentum!

- 4:00 - 5:00: Hear from David Beard (Children & Nature Network), Kit Harrington (NAAEE Natural Start Alliance), and Erika Bigelow (MiLEAP Childcare Licensing Bureau) as they share insights on national policy trends, the growing outdoor and nature-based movement, and new opportunities emerging here in Michigan.
- 5:00 - 5:30: Network with fellow educators and movement supporters in breakout sessions and provide your input into what the MiECO hub could and should do to support this movement in Michigan!

[Register to access the meeting link.](#)

NEW Child Care Licensing Rules

New Center Rules Training Sides: [New Center Rules 2025](#)

Support and Resources

To support you, the department is providing:

- Ongoing technical assistance and guidance
- Updated training materials
- The revised [Technical Assistance and Consultation Manual](#)

These resources are available anytime at www.michigan.gov/CCLB.

We're here for you

If you have questions or need additional support, please contact your licensing consultant, call us at (517) 284-9730, or email MiLEAP-CCLB-Help@michigan.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership in providing safe, high-quality care for Michigan's children and families.



Kristy Carmichael

Navigator - Our Strong Start, Child Care Licensing Bureau

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Phone: 517-643-0553

- Child Care Licensing [Child Care Licensing \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/child-care-licensing)
- Our Strong Start (connecting with a navigator) [Our Strong Start \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/our-strong-start)
- CCHIRP Technical Assistance [CCHIRP \(michigan.gov\)](https://www.michigan.gov/cchirp)

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 with CCLB Office Hours

[Click here to register or join the below office hours.](#)

Thursday January 8, 2026 3-4pm

Thursday February 5, 2026 3-4pm

Additional resources on the plan review process can be found here: [Fire Safety Inspections.](#)

State of Michigan - Child Care Licensing Bureau Support

Paris Howard - Wayne

Area Manager

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Jan 15, 2026

Feb 19, 2026

[Zoom Registration Link - Wayne Region](#)

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<https://www.michigan.gov/mileap/early-childhood-education/cclb>

Consultant FAQ

ASQ Support

Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ®) provides reliable, accurate developmental and social-emotional 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

amber@greatstartwayne.org

Care Coordinator/Technical Assistance

Help Me Grow Michigan

Great Start Collaborative Detroit-Wayne

313-410-5235

UPDATED GSRP Office Hours every Friday beginning November 21, 2025

Fridays, 9am and 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

NEW! Help Me Grow WEBSITE

Help Me Grow Partner Website

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](#)

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