

# You Are Invited

## Office of Great Start Regional Feedback Forum

Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 3 pm – 5 pm

Charlevoix Public Library

200 Clinton S| Charlevoix, MI 49720

Register by June 23, 2014 at: <https://janus.pscinc.com/OGS/>

At the regional forum, educators, parents, leaders, business leaders, clergy, community members, and any person interested in early childhood will have an opportunity to provide feedback on implementation of the six high-leverage areas to improve opportunities and outcomes for Michigan's young children (identified below).

<b>1. Build Leadership within the System</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Ensure high-level administration commitment and accountability.</li><li>-Clarify the role of the Office of Great Start.</li><li>-Formalize early childhood leadership and collaboration among the Michigan Department of Education, Department of Community Health, and Department of Human Services.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Create an advisory body for OGS to ensure more meaningful state, local, and parent input.</li><li>-Identify and share best practices in local early childhood leadership, including exemplary Great Start Collaboratives (GSCs) and Parent Coalitions (GSPCs).</li></ul>
<b>2. Support Parents' Critical Role in Their Children's Early Learning and Development</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Seek input from parents regarding their needs for information and parenting education, and strategies to increase parent involvement in their children's early learning and development.</li><li>-Strengthen a network for disseminating information to parents and families of young children.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Expand and coordinate strategies to reach and connect with eligible families and children.</li><li>-Provide training and technical assistance on effective approaches for parenting education and strategies to increase parent involvement.</li></ul>
<b>3. Assure Quality and Accountability</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Develop measures of system and program effectiveness tied to the four early childhood outcomes.</li><li>-Develop a coordinated early childhood data system.</li><li>-Support continuous quality improvement through training and technical assistance.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Enforce program effectiveness measures.</li><li>-Require transparency.</li><li>-Disseminate information to parents and families.</li><li>-Use data to direct investments.</li><li>-Ensure early childhood service provider quality.</li></ul>
<b>4. Ensure Coordination and Collaboration</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Foster system coordination and collaboration.</li><li>-Demonstrate collaboration by example.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Promote local collaboration.</li><li>-Promote local flexibility.</li></ul>
<b>5. Use Funding Efficiently to Maximize Impact</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Fund quality.</li><li>-Focus first on children with highest needs.</li><li>-Support common priorities through collaborative funding strategies.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Blend and braid funding.</li><li>-Engage philanthropic partners.</li></ul>
<b>6. Expand Access to Quality Programs</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Expand and enhance GSRP.</li><li>-Improve coordination between GSRP and Head Start.</li><li>-Increase access to developmental screening and early intervention.</li><li>-Increase access to and capacity of Early On</li><li>-Increase access to evidence-based mental health promotion, prevention, and intervention services.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Redesign the child care subsidy to ensure access to high-quality providers.</li><li>-Increase access to home visiting programs.</li><li>-Expand evidence-based medical home initiatives.</li><li>-Expand access to Pathways to Potential.</li><li>-Improve access to transportation</li></ul>

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