

# Early Childhood Digest

The Latest Early Childhood Developments by Wayne RESA



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## December 20, 2024

### 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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**Website:** <https://www.resa.net/teaching-learning/early-childhood>

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## From Libby Rogowski, Executive Director of Early Childhood

Dear Wayne County Early Childhood Partners,

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays!

My hope is that this holiday season you will have the opportunity to take time to cherish special moments. Whether these moments involve individual solitude or time with family and friends, or a combination or both, I hope you can find peace and joy during the break and throughout 2025.



Some important reminders for January:

GSRP Monthly Leadership Connection January 9th 1p - 2p Virtual  
GSRP Advisory Meeting January 24th 10a - 12p Virtual

For the Monthly Leadership Connection meetings, the ZOOM link will come from your Cohort P-ECC. If you do not receive the link, please email [earlychildhood@resa.net](mailto:earlychildhood@resa.net). The Advisory meeting ZOOM link is available below. This valuable time together with colleagues will include Wayne County highlights and successes. The Leadership Connection meetings will allow teams to dive deep into hot topics, upcoming due dates, Q&A sessions, and important subject matters in Early Childhood.

We look forward to coming together next month. Thank you for your partnership.  
Libby Rogowski

## UPDATED: Cohort Meetings



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Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

### GSRP MONTHLY LEADERSHIP CONNECTION

**WHO: ALL DIRECTORS - LEA, PSA, CBO, ECC CONSULTANTS, AND ECS CONTRACTORS**

**JANUARY 9, 2025**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2025**  
**MARCH 13, 2025**  
**APRIL 10, 2025**  
**UPDATE: MAY 8, 2025**  
**JUNE 12, 2025**

*Mark your Calendar!*

**1:00 -2:00 PM**

**VIRTUAL**

**SAVE THE DATE 1/9/25!**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE HAVE A BACKUP PLAN FOR YOUR PROGRAM TO HAVE REPRESENTATION.**

# Action Steps

1. **Start-Up or Expansion funds** must be spent by December 31st
    - Go to [FISCAL](#)
  2. **Program Main Operations and Transportation Ledgers** are due by January 15th
    - Go to [FISCAL](#)
  3. **Enrollment as of January 10th** is due by January 22nd, 2025
    - Go to [ENROLLMENT](#)
  4. **Start-Up/Expansion FERs** DUE to WCRESA by January 31st, 2025
    - Go to [FISCAL](#)
  5. **Final Expenditure Report for Start-Up/Expansion funds** is due by January 31st, 2025
    - Go to [FISCAL](#)
  6. **Carryover FERs** DUE to WCRESA by January 31st, 2025
    - Go to [FISCAL](#)
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## Enrollment

[Click here for ENROLLMENT](#)

## Fiscal

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## Reporting & Monitoring/Assessment

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## Resources

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**WAYNE COUNTY  
GSRP ADVISORY  
MEETING**

- ▶ **JANUARY 24, 2025**  
10AM - 12PM  
VIRTUAL : ZOOM
- ▶ **MAY 9, 2025**  
10AM - 12PM  
IN-PERSON : ANNEX AUDITORIUM

*See you there!*

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Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential



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مخصصة من وزارة التعليم والتعلم  
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# Enrollment

**UPDATED: Enrollment Review Schedule**



# ENROLLMENT REVIEW *schedule*

COLLECTION DATE

COLLECTION PERIOD

**JANUARY**

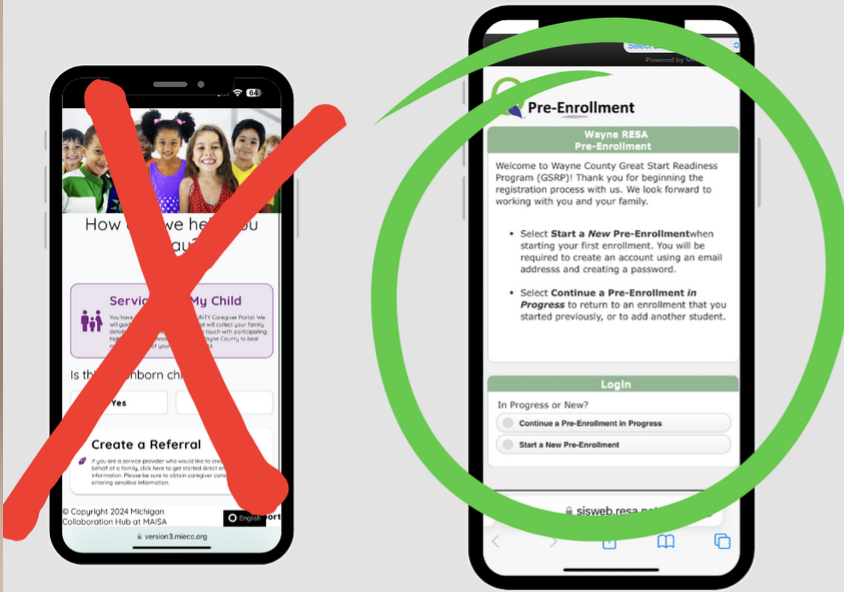
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**GSRP ENROLLMENT  
AS OF FRIDAY JANUARY 10,  
2025**

# REMINDER

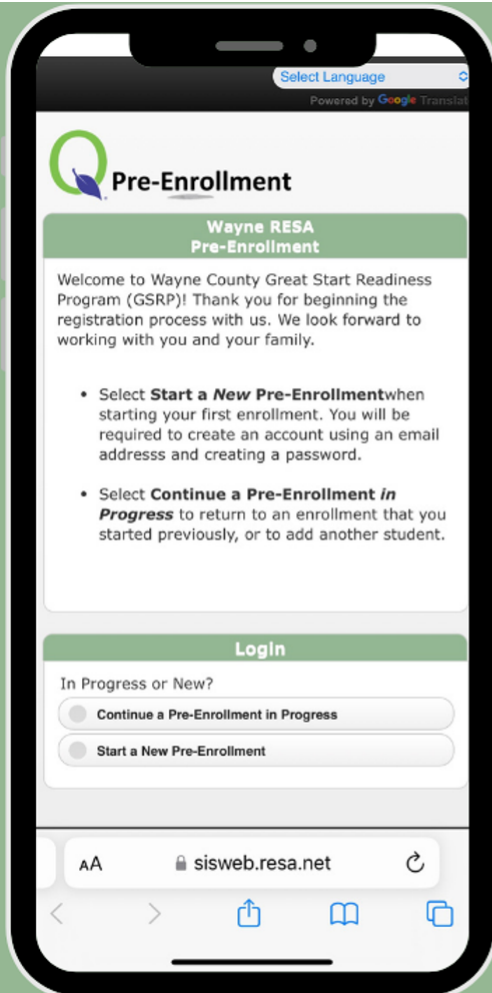
We are no longer using MiECC for GSRP in Wayne County.

CBO providers should use MISTAR for all enrollment functions - referrals, eligibility verification, class assignments, and daily attendance.



<https://sisweb.resa.net/RESAEarlyChildhood/PreEnrollment>

## MISTAR Pre-Enrollment



<https://sisweb.resa.net/RESAEarlyChildhood/PreEnrollment>

## MISTAR Service Desk

### 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 [creating a service ticket](#) or calling 734-334-1870.



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**CBO MISTAR Training Slides**

**GSRP Enrollment Reporter Designation Form**



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# Fiscal

## *Fiscal Reminders*

### **General/Main Operations**

#### **Reminder – Carryover FERs DUE to WCRESA January 31, 2025 (1/31/2025)**

Please note that the Carryover FER is open and ready for providers to complete and is due to WCRESA on or before 1/31/2025. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE CARRYOVER FER LOCATED in the FYE25 GSRP BUDGET in the sheet labeled “23-24 Carryover FER”.** PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO COMPLETE THE CARRYOVER FER in the 2023-2024 GSRP Budget document. It is locked.

There were errors in the ledgers that were causing Carryover amount to calculate incorrectly, but that has been resolved. Please note that **carryover funds must expended by 12/31/2024.**

If you need more time to spend carryover funds, please send a written request to Aaron Pressel at [pressea@resa.net](mailto:pressea@resa.net) as well as your assigned P-ECC and let us know how much additional time you will need to expend all funding.

#### **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 WCRESA's SMART system, completing ledgers in the google budget document are still recommended, but not required.

#### **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?

### **Budget Amendments**

Please note that if you wish to change your budget due to a change in your expected expenses, please send an email to [pressea@resa.net](mailto:pressea@resa.net) as well as your assigned P-ECC requesting that your budget be opened to allow for changes and let us know what you wish to change.

## **Transportation**

### **Transportation Ledgers**

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

### **Reminder - Rideshare Transportation Reimbursements**

For providers offering Rideshare services to GSRP families, the provider **MUST** complete the "GSRP Public Transportation Reimbursement Form". In addition, new to this year as of the changes to the GSRP Implementation Manual that were made in September 2024, *it is now state law that the "GSRP Public Transportation Reimbursement Form" be submitted directly to WCRESA for review, and not merely kept on file by the provider.* As such, for providers who offer Rideshare services, this form must be uploaded to your GSRP Budget folder each month along with the completion of the transportation ledgers. You can find the "GSRP Public Transportation Reimbursement Form" in the digest.

### **Reminder - E-Time Now Open for Transportation Submissions**



Please note that E-time is now open, and programs may begin submitting requests for transportation reimbursement. Please note that only programs with an approved transportation budget may be submitted for reimbursement. If your budget has not been approved, please reach out to your P-ECC for guidance. Please note WCRESA will continue to submit E-time requests for CBOs that do not participate in Strong Beginnings. If your organization would prefer to submit their own E-time requests for transportation reimbursement, a request may be sent to [earlychildhood@resa.net](mailto:earlychildhood@resa.net).



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## **Start-Up/Expansion**

### **Reminder - Start-Up/Expansion FERs DUE to WCRESA January 31, 2025 (1/31/2025)**

Providers who have received start-up or expansion funds are expected to complete all spending by **12/31/2024** unless the program has

- 1) only been recently approved to receive start-up/expansion funds
- 2) a different deadline has been provided or approved by the provider's P-ECC.

If you need more time to spend the expansion/start-up funds, please send a written request to Aaron Pressel at [pressea@resa.net](mailto:pressea@resa.net) as well as your assigned P-ECC and let us know how much additional time you will need to expend all funding.

Please note that unexpended start-up/expansion funds must be returned to MiLEAP.

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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 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 Plan for Program Changes form and submit it to the main early childhood department email address, [earlychildhood@resa.net](mailto:earlychildhood@resa.net).

Please note that going forward, changes will only be made to allocations at certain times during the year. To request an allocation change, please submit the Plan for Program Changes form along with any necessary supporting documentation.

Due dates for Program Change Requests for the 2024-2025 school year:

Request for Change Due	Review Period	Approval Finalized
September 16, 2024	Week of September 19 <sup>th</sup>	WCRESA October Board Meeting
November 15, 2024	Week of November 18 <sup>th</sup>	WCRESA December Board Meeting
December 13, 2024	Week of December 16 <sup>th</sup>	WCRESA January Board Meeting
January 17, 2025	Week of January 20 <sup>th</sup>	WCRESA February Board Meeting
March 14, 2025	Week of March 17 <sup>th</sup>	WCRESA April Board Meeting

### Board Meeting Dates - Final Approval of Program Change Requests

October 16, 2024  
December 18, 2024  
January 22, 2025  
February 19, 2025  
April 16, 2025

## Plan for Program Change Request Form



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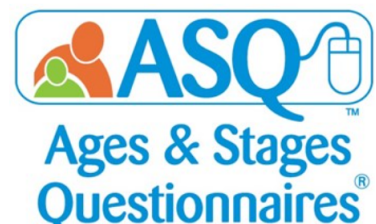
# Reporting and Monitoring/Assessment

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## ASQ Survey

Hello Help Me Grow Partners!

If you could please take a few minutes to complete this survey, we would greatly appreciate hearing about the impact the ASQ has had on your program and how the ASQ training has equipped it.



Thank you!

[ASQ Survey](#)

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## Reporting and Monitoring

### Staff Information Report Checklist

**Orgs should ensure profiles are current:**

- ✓ All GSRP classrooms are properly named and enabled
- ✓ Lead and Associate teachers are assigned
- ✓ Years teaching GSRP/preschool are updated for every GSRP staff person
- ✓ Compliance plan tags are updated as applicable
- ✓ Benefits are completed for every GSRP staff person

**Individuals should ensure:**

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

The GSRP Staff Information Report (SIR) is completed through MiRegistry. Each teaching team member must maintain a current individual profile including education credentials, current compensation details, hours worked in GSRP each week, and the number of months worked in GSRP each year. MiRegistry membership requires staff to submit official college/university transcripts to verify degrees and early childhood credits earned. GSRP funding may be utilized to support staff purchasing transcripts for membership.

Each licensed program operating a GSRP classroom must maintain a current organization profile including the name(s) of the classroom(s) serving GSRP children consistent with established naming conventions. Each classroom must indicate the lead teacher assigned to the classroom, as well as the associate teacher. For teaching team members assigned to the classroom, the organization must also include the years of GSRP teaching experience, additional years of PreK teaching experience, the benefits offered to each including the availability of union membership, and whether or not the individual is currently on a compliance plan or a PEPP to become credentialed.

If a GSRP classroom has a vacant position, the organization must indicate this and complete information about the vacant position. Individual and organization information should be maintained regularly.

MiRegistry reports have been pulled. Wayne RESA ECS's and ECC's will be actively checking the MiRegistry records for the teaching teams and organizations they support.

**New for 2024/2025**

- Benefits must now be entered for each staff member.
- Beginning in 2023/2024 the following fields are REQUIRED: Compensation Type, Compensation Amount, Hours per Weeks, and Months per Year.

If staff have not completed these mandatory fields, please request an update ASAP.

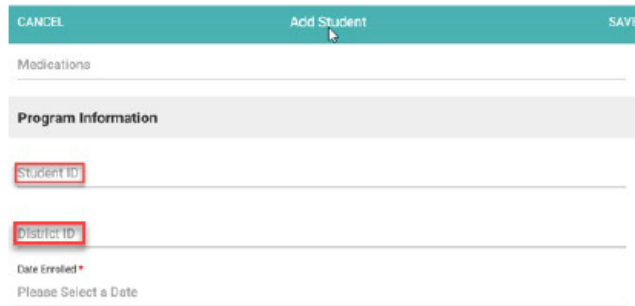
## Enabling GSRP Records for Staff and Job Aids

**Child Assessment Data Collection**

GSRP requires the utilization of a child assessment tool to document children's growth and development over time. MiLEAP collects this data for state level program evaluation. To facilitate this process, a child UIC and the site license number must be included within individual child portfolios, created within the chosen assessment tool's online system

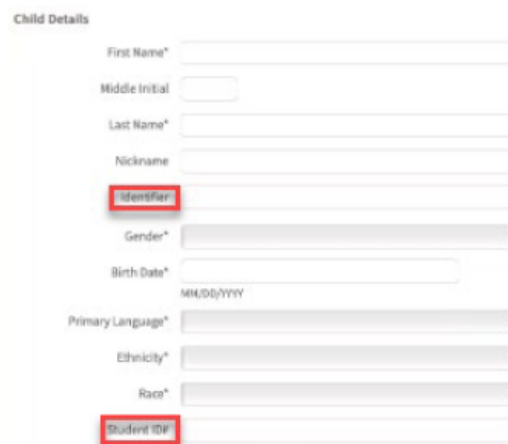
## COR Advantage

COR Advantage users will enter the UIC for each individual child in the Student ID line when adding a child. The license number for the site should be entered in the District ID line.



## Teaching Strategies® GOLD

Teaching Strategies® GOLD users will enter the UIC for each individual child in the Student ID# line. The license number for the site should be entered in the Identifier line.



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## ASQ Requirement

Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ®) provides reliable, accurate developmental and social-emotional screening for children. The ASQ is a requirement in GSRP.

**All GSRP programs should be a Help Me Grow partner to receive their ASQ Online Account.** If you have questions or concerns regarding ASQ-3 completion please contact your program ECC.

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 contact Amber Anderson at Help Me Grow.

Amber Anderson

[amber@greatstartwayne.org](mailto:amber@greatstartwayne.org)

Care Coordinator/Technical Assistance

*Help Me Grow Michigan*

*Great Start Collaborative Detroit-Wayne*

313-410-5235

***Open office hours are available on Thursdays at 2:00 P.M.***

Zoom link for our GSRP working hours: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5969353317>

Google form link: [GSRP Partner Intake Form](#)



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# Resources

## Health Insurance Marketplace

### Open Enrollment Happening Now for Early Care and Education Workers

Open enrollment for the Healthcare Marketplace is happening now through January 15!

The Administration for Children and Families is partnering with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to spread the word about open enrollment to the early care and education workforce who may be eligible for quality, low-cost healthcare plans through the marketplace. Family child care providers and staff in other early care and education settings may qualify for tax credits and other benefits that millions of Americans are eligible for, due to the Inflation Reduction Act and the American Rescue Plan.

5 Things Consumers Need to Know about Marketplace Open Enrollment:

1. Key Dates! The Marketplace Open Enrollment at [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) runs from November 1 to January 15. Consumers who want health coverage starting January 1 should enroll in coverage by December 15. Consumers must enroll by January 15 to have coverage that starts on February 1. Otherwise, consumers will need to qualify for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a Marketplace plan.
2. Coverage is Affordable! Thanks to a new law from 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), more people qualify for help purchasing quality health coverage. If you have looked for health coverage before, it is worth a second look: • 4 out of 5 [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) customers will be able to find a plan for \$10/month or less with financial help. • With the IRA, millions of people will continue to qualify for tax credits that lower their premiums.

3. Quality Plans! The Marketplace offers are quality, comprehensive health insurance plans that provide coverage for doctor visits, emergency care, behavioral health care, preventive care, hospital care, maternity care, and prescription drugs. • There are also new plan options that offer similar benefit designs and more pre- deductible services.

4. Help is Available! Consumers can access Navigators and other assisters in every state on the Marketplace. To find local help go to [Find Local Help](#).

5. Sign Up for Coverage! All consumers shopping for health insurance coverage – even those who currently have coverage through the Marketplace – should enroll or re-enroll by logging in to [HealthCare.gov](#) and [CuidadodeSalud.gov](#) or call 1-800-318- 2596 (TTY is 855-889-4325) to fill out an application and enroll in a Marketplace plan. Free help is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week, and assistance is available in over 200 languages.

Now is the perfect time for early care and education staff to find out what they qualify for, compare health insurance plans, and enroll in health coverage! All plans cover essential benefits such as primary care, prescriptions, and emergency care, and are affordable with 80% of enrollees eligible for plans at \$10 a month or less.

Share this important information with your staff, as applicable:

- **Outreach Flyer for the ECE Workforce:** *What Do Early Childhood Educators Need to Know About the Marketplace?* ([English](#)(PDF) and [Spanish](#)(PDF))

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## Local Field Trips

# Planning Field Trips

Family and community engagement is crucial to enhancing our educational programs. By planning field trips within Wayne County & its surrounding areas, we aim to create meaningful learning experiences that connect children, families, and the community. These trips will provide opportunities for children to explore local resources, engage with diverse environments, and build stronger connections with the world around them, all while reinforcing the importance of family involvement in their educational journey.




**Belle Isle Nature Center**  
<https://belleislenaturecenter.org/>  
 Contact: 313-852-4056



**Belle Isle Park**  
 DNRBelleIsleQuestions@michigan.gov  
 Contact: (313) 821-9844



**Brilliant Detroit**  
<https://brilliantdetroit.org/>  
 Field Trip Interest Form



**The Charles H Wright Museum of African American History**  
<https://detroitmuseums.org/>  
 Email: [info@detroitmuseums.org](mailto:info@detroitmuseums.org)  
 Contact: (248) 808-8467



**Cranbrook Institute of Science**  
<https://science.cranbrook.edu/>  
 Email: [info@cranbrook.edu](mailto:info@cranbrook.edu)  
 Contact: (248) 645-3200



**Detroit Historical Museum**  
<https://detroithistorical.org/>  
 Email: [info@detroithistorical.org](mailto:info@detroithistorical.org)  
 Contact: (313) 833-7935



**Detroit Hives**  
<https://detroithives.org/>  
 Email: [info@detroithives.org](mailto:info@detroithives.org)  
 Contact: (248) 808-8467



**Detroit Riverfront**  
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 Email: [info@detroitriverfront.org](mailto:info@detroitriverfront.org)  
 Contact: (313) 566-8200



**Detroit Zoo**  
<https://detroitzoo.org/>  
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 Contact: (248) 541-5717



**Dossin Great Lakes Museum**  
<https://detroithistorical.org/dossin-great-lakes-museum/plan-your-visit/general-information>  
 Email: [info@detroithistorical.org](mailto:info@detroithistorical.org)  
 Contact: (313) 833-1805



**The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation & Greenfield Village**  
 Email: [contactus@thehenryford.org](mailto:contactus@thehenryford.org)  
 Contact: (313) 982-6001

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 Reopening soon- Learning Kits Available  
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 Contact: (313) 873-8100



**Pottery Creations- Wyandotte**  
<https://www.potterycreations.com/>



**Detroit DNR Outdoor Adventure Center**  
 Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/oac>  
 Email: [DNR-OAC@Michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-OAC@Michigan.gov)  
 Phone: 844-622-6367 (844-OAC-MDNR)



**Ann Arbor Hands on Museum**  
 Field trips website:  
<https://discoverscienceandnature.org/field-trips>  
 Contact: (734) 995-5439



**Michigan Science Center**  
<https://www.mi-sci.org/>  
 Email: [info@misci.org](mailto:info@misci.org)  
 (313) 577-8400

field trip



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When planning a field trip, consider how it:

- Supports individual family goals as well as the program's goals for socializations
- Aligns with the existing curriculum, goals, and experiences
- Increases families' awareness and access to community resources
- Responds to the developmental stages of all the children in your program
- Accommodates young children who may be active or noisy
- Promotes culturally and linguistically appropriate activities and locations
- Accommodates children with Individualized Family Service Plans or Individualized Education Programs and fits with their goals and needs
- Allows for adaptations necessary for children suspected of or who have disabilities to fully participate in the field trip experience
- Provides accessibility to any family members with special needs
- Is child- and family-friendly and whether the location has enough room for families to bring equipment such as strollers, diaper bags, or other gear
- Provides accommodations for feeding and diapering
- Ensures families can get to the field trip site by including reasonable transportation options that conform to program policies and guidelines

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Ready Rosie

## ReadyRosie

ReadyRosie is still available.

The ReadyRosie family engagement tool has been extended to November 30th. The funding from the 2023 state grant is set to expire on November 1st, however discussions to extend the tool are ongoing.

## **Empowering Education Leaders: A Toolkit for Safe, Ethical, and Equitable AI Integration**

Resource: [AI 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 [Office of Educational Technology website](#).

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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](mailto:echild@resa.net).
- visit the [Early On online referral](#) website.



**Submit a referral for  
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- 0 years to 2 years, 10 months

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## **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.

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## 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.



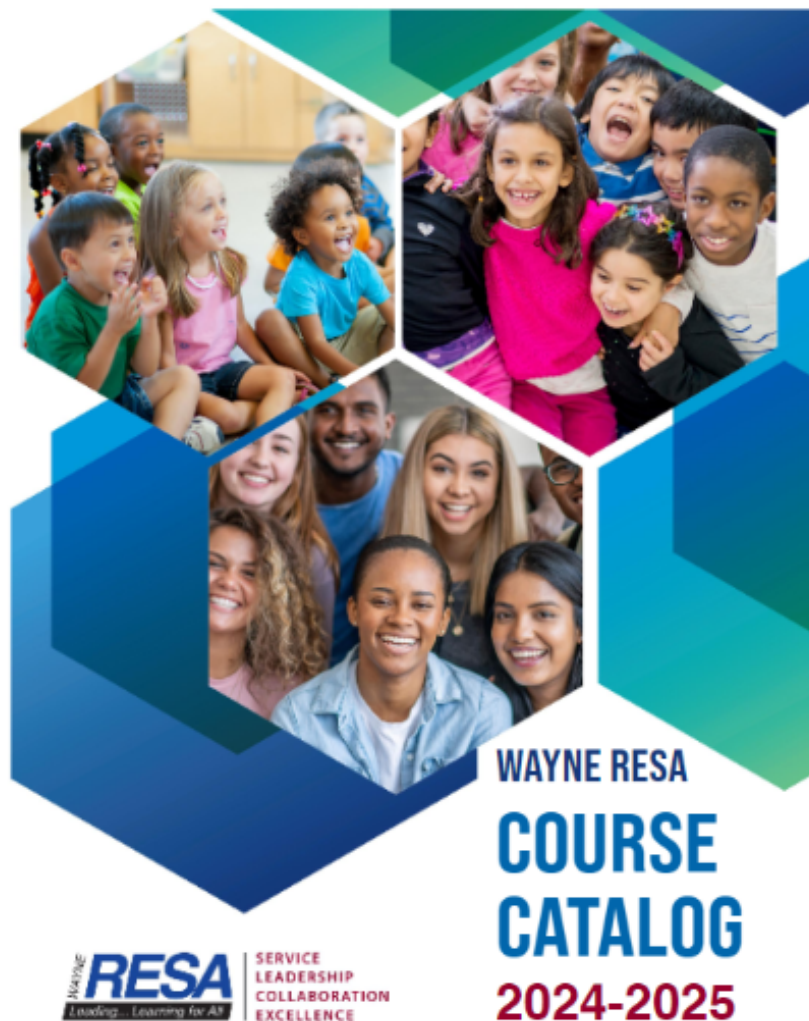
Looking for free or low-cost Family Fun? We also work hard to find all the local activities, festivals, reading fun, arts and crafts, and more! Check out our [Find Fun](#) Page.

Lastly, Check out our updated [Out and About Resource Guide!](#)

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## Professional Learning

[Wayne RESA Course Catalog 2024-2025](#)



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

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Education, Advancement, and Potential



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 high-quality 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: <https://plp.michiganvirtual.org/?course=1036>

**Cost: \$30**

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

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January 2025



**Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators**

**In-Person Trainings**

Jan. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.: Inclusive Practices: Planning for the Special Needs of All Children (at the Harper Woods Library 19601 Harper Ave. Harper Woods, MI 48225) ▲ ● 3 & 4 ■ 1, 3 & 4

Jan. 23, 6-8 p.m.: Baby Basics (at 17515 W. 9 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 Suite 190) ● 1 & 8 ■ 1

**Child Care Director & Staff Super Saturday Professional Development Event!**

Join us on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and earn 4 professional development hours while networking with other locals in the field! You'll have the opportunity to take trainings like:

- Directors Series: Effective Conversations with Staff and Families
- Director Series: The Value of Family Engagement
- Early Childhood: Professionalism Matters
- Tough Talks with Colleagues and Co-workers



Scan this QR Code with a SmartPhone for registration & training selections

*Act fast, spots are limited!*

**Live-Virtual Trainings**

Live Virtual Trainings and Learning Labs are interactive webinars. Instructions for how to access each webinar will be given upon registering on MiRegistry.org.

Jan. 6, 6-7 p.m.: Learning Lab: Emergency Management- Let's Get Prepared ● 1 ■ 7

Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m.: Infant Toddler Environments: Introducing Environment as the "Third Teacher" ● 2 & 5 ■ 1

Jan. 22, 6-8 p.m.: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) ● 1 & 8 ■ 2

Jan. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Cultural Competence in Early Childhood - It Starts with You ▲ ● 4 ■ 1 & 3

Jan. 21, 7-8 p.m.: Learning Lab: Active Learning - Let's Practice ● 2 ■ 1

Jan. 24, 12:30-2:30 p.m.: Nurturing Identity Through Literature ● 2 & 3 ■ 1, 3 & 6

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\*Statewide continuing education clock hours (SCECH) are available for certified staff. Additional information will be required.



Register at MiRegistry.org. If you are unable to find a course you are looking for or have other questions about registration, call 877.614.7328.



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Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators


Pre-Recorded Self-Paced Webinars

Participants will receive emailed instructions with course requirements as the training date nears.

- Jan. 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Learning Through Song and Rhyme ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 6, 6-8 p.m.: How to: Activity Times ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 7, 12-2 p.m.: Let's be Friends ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 7, 7-9 p.m.: Active Learning Foundations ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 8, 2-4 p.m.: Let's Pretend ●3&8 ■1
- Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m.: Conflict Resolution: Strategies for Problem Solving ●3&8 ■1&2
- Jan. 9, 5-7 p.m.: Creativity and Confidence: Art Activities ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Caregiver Interactions ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 13, 1-3 p.m.: Schedules and Routines ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 14, 12-2 p.m.: Playroom Materials and Organization ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 15, 6-8 p.m.: Math Learning ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 23, 7-9 p.m.: Talk to Me ●3&8 ■1
- Jan. 27, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Conflict Resolution: Helping Toddlers Problem Solve ●3&8 ■1&2
- Jan. 28, 5-7 p.m.: Reading Fun for Everyone ▲●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 29, 12-2 p.m.: Conflict Resolution: Toddler Temperament ●3&8 ■1&2
- Jan. 29, 5-7 p.m.: Let's Move ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 30, 6-8 p.m.: Treasure Baskets with Infants and Toddlers ●2&8 ■1
- Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Understanding Preschool Development ●2&8 ■1

**We Value Your Opinion!**

We are working hard to develop informative and exciting new trainings in 2025- keep checking our upcoming calendars for more details! In the meantime, we encourage you to scan this QR code and share any suggestions you may have for content you'd like to see in an upcoming training.



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- Our Strong Start (connecting with a navigator) [Our Strong Start \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov/our-strong-start)
- CCHIRP Technical Assistance [CCHIRP \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov/cchirp)



## Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

### State of Michigan - Child Care Licensing Bureau Support

Wayne County Area Manager - LaTanya Ellington

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# Help Me Grow Michigan

## 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.

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

Amber Anderson

[amber@greatstartwayne.org](mailto:amber@greatstartwayne.org)

Care Coordinator/Technical Assistance

*Help Me Grow Michigan*

*Great Start Collaborative Detroit-Wayne*

313-410-5235

***Open office hours are available on Thursdays at 2:00 P.M.***

**Zoom link for our GSRP office hours: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5969353317>**

Google form link: [GSRP Partner Intake Form](#)

Booking link: [Everybody Ready \(zohobookings.com\)](#)

## Help Me Grow Partner Folder

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### 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](mailto:jobs@ecic4kids.org)

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

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### MiAEYC Scholarship Opportunity

**NEW Michigan AEYC programs to support Directors and new program staff: Early Foundations Cohort and Director Network.**

The Michigan AEYC Early Foundations program assists with staffing challenges and provides onboarding support for busy directors. New staff and/or staff in new positions will gain immediate skills needed to feel supported and be successful in the classroom even before achieving a CDA or degree. **Program participants who complete the 4-month cohort are eligible for a \$1,000 completion stipend!**

Directors statewide are invited to join a network of their peers and receive group and individual coaching on personalized topics relevant to their needs. Participants will engage in **monthly synchronous, asynchronous, and even regional in-person meeting opportunities AND be compensated for their participation time.**

For more information about eligibility and the application process, contact [teach@miaeyc.org](mailto:teach@miaeyc.org) or visit [www.miaeyc.org](http://www.miaeyc.org) to live chat with a specialist.

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## School Readiness Advisory Committee

Parent/Guardian SRAC Interest Form

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# Social Emotional

## Social Emotional Support

### Dr. Kelly Anderson, Early Childhood Social Emotional Consultant

As we get closer to the holiday season, please be mindful that this is often a very stressful time for our students. They know that their schedule is about to change. They may miss the predictability of being in the GSRP classroom every day. They are also likely excited; the special traditions and celebrations of the season bring great joy. This is the best time of year to slow down and focus on your routines and expectations. We know that students who struggle to follow the routines are likely to have an even harder time at this time of year. To the greatest extent possible, plan for this. Reduce your transition time. Plan highly engaging and motivating activities for small groups. Most importantly, remember to approach challenging behavior during this time with empathy. Students are anxious, nervous, excited, and energized, it's a lot to contain. As always, if you need help, reach out! Your consultant is more than happy to support you through troubleshooting to make these last few weeks of 2024 a success!

Dr. Anderson holds office hours on Tuesdays from 2:00-2:45. If you have any questions or would like a thought partner in developing a plan of support for a student in your program, feel free to jump on any Tuesday. This time is not a replacement for talking with your classroom coach and should be used for smaller questions or less severe behaviors that you might want to talk through. <https://resa-net.zoom.us/j/87152395196> If for some reason this time does not work for you, feel free to email Dr. Anderson and she will call you at a time that works for you. [andersk@resa.net](mailto:andersk@resa.net)

# 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

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