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## News from the Eastern ECSN

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### Welcome December!

As the "busy-ness" and the "bus-i-ness" of the wintery holiday season comes and goes so quickly, we wish you the time to stand back, appreciate the work you do for families and children, and take a big breath! Although our work never takes a break, during your break for the holiday, we hope you take a minute to look back on all that you accomplished in 2022. We appreciate you!

### Welcome!

A special welcome to the following people who recently joined our Eastern Region!

- Cecelia Campbell, Parent Liaison, Huron County
- Ashlyn Falls, GSC Director, Sanilac County



### Eastern ECSN Training and TA Calendar Released!

We are excited to share the new Training and TA Calendar with you. The link is below. This calendar includes dates, times, virtual or in-person platforms and intended audience. All events and registration will be posted on our website. We are looking forward to a great year!

[22-23 Eastern ECSN Professional Learning Calendar](#)

### MLPP New Data Available

The Great Start Data Set webpage is up and running! You can access the webpage [HERE](#) with the password "ECSNMLPPI!" This webpage houses the link to the [Great Start Dataset](#), which prompts you to log in using the username **MichiganECSN@mlppkidscountb2c.onmicrosoft.com** and password **veF5oM#@u!** where you will have access to custom visualizations, regional ECSN data, table views and more.

The Great Start Dataset Web Page also has other great informational tools, such as instructions on how to download data from the dataset, a video tutorial on how to navigate the dataset, your "preventable hospitalizations" indicator instructions, and a list of the indicators available for the last 5 years at the ECSN regional level.

In addition to these tools, on the right-hand accordion menu, you will still have access to the recorded webinars, the Great Start Dataset presentation slides, and a new Great Start Data Set Index for an easy-to-access way of viewing the indicators' definitions, categories, and availability by race/ethnicity.

**If you have questions about the Great Start Data Set, please email Kids Count**

## MLPP FY23 Dates Announced

The Kids Count in Michigan team has put together a line up of educational webinars that align with GSC outcomes areas. Spread throughout the year, these webinars will review data trends in child well-being and their relation to policy and the state budget. To boost your confidence in locating data yourself, there will be hands-on components. Kids Count will also provide legislative updates so that you're in-the-know on discussions related to young children in Lansing. There will be ample time for questions and technical assistance. Register using the links below.

### Outcome Area #1: Children Born Healthy

February 22, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Register [HERE](#).

### Outcome Area #2: Children Developmentally on Track

March 29, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Register [HERE](#).

### Outcome Area #3: Children Succeed in School

April 26, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Register [HERE](#).

### Outcome Area #4: 4th Grade and Beyond

May 31, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Register [HERE](#).

### Updated GSC Data Set

September 27, 2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Register [HERE](#).



## Regional Updates

### Eastern ECSN Regional Systems Building Meeting

December 14, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Audience: GSC Directors/Coordinators, RC Directors, and Parent Liaisons

Join us for this meeting focused around Outcome 1. Speakers from MDHHS, Emily Norrix & Heather Beavers, will present on current pregnancy and early childhood oral health data for the region and Michigan. In addition, a practical guide for pregnancy and early childhood oral health issues, Medicaid coverage, resources and best practices will be discussed.

Register [HERE](#).

### Strengthening Families Protective Factors Introduction

January 9, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Audience: GSC Directors/Coordinators, Parent Liaisons, RC Staff

Join Maria Cook and Brenda Woods for an introduction and examples of each of the five protective factors. Gain a general knowledge of the definition of each factor and examples of how to share this information with families. Register [HERE](#).

## Resource Center Updates

### FCCERS-3 and ITERS-3 Resource Center Coaching Overview

December 8, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Click [HERE](#) to join.

### GSQ System TA

January 11, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Virtual. Hosted by ECIC.

### ECERS-3 Resource Center Coaching Overview

January 19, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Click [HERE](#) to join.

### Infant Intro to CLASS-New RC Staff Only

January 25 and January 26, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Hosted by ECIC.

## Cognitive Coaching In-person Training-Days 5-8

Remaining Dates: April 19 & 20, 2023 and May 17 & 18, 2023

8:30 am - 3:30 pm, (Sign In 8:00 am)

Audience: Limited space for GSC and GSQ Resource Center Staff.

Location: Grand Rapids. Details can be found [HERE](#).

## Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition Updates

### Strategic Planning Session-Developing Effective Collaborations

January 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Audience: Cohort 2: Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Genesee, Shiawassee & Huron GSC's.

Join this webinar with BC Pulse for the first session in your strategic planning journey. Register [HERE](#).

### Director Connector

January 17, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Audience: GSC Directors and Coordinators

This is a lunch-time networking opportunity for both new and seasoned GSC Directors and Coordinators. The topics are driven by the participants and the questions they bring with them for other directors and coordinators. Register on the website (Information at top of newsletter). Click [HERE](#) to register.

### Eastern ECSN Regional Parent Liaison Meeting

January 31, 1:00 am - 2:30 pm

Join your fellow Eastern Region Parent Liaisons for our virtual regional meeting. We will share information, announcements, networking, and work-sharing. Register [HERE](#).

## MDE/OGS Updates

### Early Childhood Standards of Quality-New!

These standards of quality were approved in November. View the document [HERE](#). This set of standards replaces Michigan's current Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infant and Toddler Programs and Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten.



### Caring for MI Future

[Caring for MI Future](#) is a statewide effort to help childcare entrepreneurs open 1,000 new or expanded childcare programs by the end of 2024.

[Our Strong Start \(OSS\)](#) is part of Caring for MI Future. Our Strong Start is focused on recruiting new childcare entrepreneurs and helping current childcare businesses expand.

You can bookmark the sites above to stay informed about grants and supports currently available or coming soon to help entrepreneurs find and renovate space, recruit staff, obtain start-up funding, and support creating a business plan, in addition to community partner opportunities.

### Facilities Improvement Fund Grant Program

Facilities Improvement Fund is a grant program to distribute \$50 million to new and expanding child care education providers across the state of Michigan in order to renovate and upgrade their child care facilities to accommodate additional child care slots, especially in geographic areas with limited providers. Early childhood education centers are able to receive up to \$150,000 per licensed location. Family and group child care homes are able to receive up to \$50,000 per licensed location. Applications are now open. Detailed information can be found on [IFF's Facilities Improvement Fund Website](#) by clicking on the "Grant Guidelines" link.

### Rural Child Care Innovation Program Applications

Rural counties or communities that are interested in obtaining support to address their unique child care needs are encouraged to apply to participate in the Rural Child Care Innovation Project (RCCIP). Click [HERE](#) for the details and application. **Applications are due December 9 at 5:00 pm**. A flier with more information and a link to a pre-recorded webinar about this opportunity as well as contact information for additional questions can be viewed [HERE](#).

## Professional Learning Opportunities

### 3rd Annual HOPE Summit

March 29, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm and March 30 12:00 pm - 5:15 pm, ET

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the current schedule, keynote speaker and fill out an Interest Form to stay informed of updates to summit information.

### Michigan AEYC Annual Early Childhood Conference-Save the Date

April 20-22, Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## News and Resources

### MDHHS Virtual Baby Fair-Please Share!

Join us for a virtual baby fair to learn about resources available to you, important information, and ask questions to experts. Click [HERE](#) to register and for all of the details!

- Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Monday, December 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Kristen Thompson at [ThompsonK23@michigan.gov](mailto:ThompsonK23@michigan.gov) or 517-284-4992.

### Inclusion And Equity

#### Gender, Expectations, and Social- Emotional Development in Early Childhood Programs

December 15, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Participants will learn about the importance of creating gender inclusive early learning environments and the concrete actions they can take to create environments that support all children's healthy gender development. You will learn about the impact of strict gender roles and stereotypes on young children and adults. Click [HERE](#) to register. Also recorded.

### Infographic from the Center On The Developing Child at Harvard University

Check out this great infographic entitled: "[How Racism Can Affect Child Development](#)". You can download the PDF.

### Trauma-Informed Care

#### Supporting Trauma Informed Play to Support Healing in Early Childhood Programs

January 11, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Join Child Care Investigations to learn about the benefits of play to healthy brains and bodies. This session will include practical strategies for creating effective play-based classrooms to help children flourish and heal. Click [HERE](#) to register. This will also be recorded.

### Positive Childhood Experiences

#### HOPE Materials Available in Other Languages

Did you know that several of the HOPE (Healthy Outcomes From Positive Experiences) materials are available in both Mandarin and Vietnamese? If you work with families who would benefit from these materials, click [HERE](#) to view them. Materials in Spanish can be accessed [HERE](#).

ECSN Staff Change/Update Form

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