

Early Childhood

Statewide Organizations Concerned with Early Childhood Services in Michigan Compiled by the Michigan Association of United Ways* Updated: July 1, 2005

ACCESS (American Associate Degree Early Childhood Educators)

Focus: Associate Degree standards for early childhood, articulation agreements and competence measures across colleges and life long learning

Key Contact: Rebecca Brinks

Website - www.accessece.org

Association for Child Development

Focus: Sponsors the Child and Adult Care Food Program for all state licensed child-care providers

Key Contact: Cathleen Logan cathleenlogan@acdcafp.org - 517-332-7200

Website: www.acdcafp.org

Association for Children's Mental Health (ACMH)

Focus: For families with children who are experiencing mental, emotional, or behavioral problems, free family-to-family support in negotiating early intervention, CMH, and other community services.

Key Contact: Amy Winans, Executive Director 517-381-5125 or toll free at 1-888-226-4543

Email: acmhadmin@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.acmh-mi.org

Bridge 4 Kids

Focus: Provides a comprehensive system of information and referral for parents and professionals working with children from birth through transition to adult life, with a special focus on those who have disabilities, special needs, or who are at-risk. Supports nonprofit organizations that share our mission with web design, data collection, telephone referral services and technical assistance.

Key Contact: Deborah Canja - deb@bridges4kids.org

517-381-0528 or toll free at 1-877-553-KIDS

Website: www.bridges4kids.org

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder of Michigan (CHADD)

Focus: Serving individuals with attention-deficit/ hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) and to better the lives of individuals with attention deficit disorders and those who care for them.

Key Contact: Toll Free: 800-233-4050

Website: <http://www.chaddmi.com/>

Children's Action Network

Key Contacts: Kristen McDonald - mcdonald-stonek@michigan.gov - 517-373-4116

Sue Carnell - carnells@michigan.gov - 517-335-4380

Website: www.greatstartforkids.org

Children's Charter of the Courts

Focus: Addresses issues, which bring children in contact with Michigan's Courts, circumstances that unnecessarily lengthen children's involvement with the courts, or place children at risk of becoming involved with the courts. Primary focus is child abuse and neglect. State support office for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and state chapter (with Children's Trust Fund) of Prevent Child Abuse America. Training, education and advocacy around child and family concerns.

Key Contact: William Newhouse - billnewhouse@childcrt.org - 517-482-7533

Website - www.childcrt.org

Children's Trust Fund

Key Contact: Deborah Strong - strongD@michigan.gov - 517-373-4320

Website: http://www.michigan.gov/fia/1,1607,7-124-5460_7172---,00.html

Citizens Alliance To Uphold Special Education (CAUSE)

Focus: The parent training information center for the State of Michigan. A statewide nonprofit coalition providing free information, referral, support, advocacy, and workshops to parents and professionals working with children with disabilities and special needs.

Key Contact: Executive Director - 800-221-9105 or 517-886-9167 - info@causeonline.org

Website: www.causeonline.org

Community Collaboratives – 76 Community Collaboratives in Michigan

Focus: Coordinate and collaborate all services to children and youth at the county level

Key Contact: Mary Ludtke, DCH - LUDTKEM@michigan.gov - 517-241-5769

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2941_4868_7145-14660--,00.html

Early Childhood Investment Corporation – To be added

Families and Communities Together (FACT) – MSU

Focus: MSU FACT Coalition is a university-wide coalition that supports multidisciplinary research, outreach and Extension efforts in critical children, youth and family issues across Michigan. A current early childhood literacy collaboration brings together university expertise from education, human ecology, Extension and communications to improve school readiness by developing programs and materials to involve parents, reach vulnerable populations, train child care providers and mobilize community involvement.

Key Contact: Patricia Farrell – farrellp@msu.edu - 517-355-4572

Website: www.fact.msu.edu

Fight Crime, Invest in Kids

Focus: An anti-crime nonprofit organization led by chiefs, sheriffs, prosecutors and crime survivors whose mission is to help the public and our leaders understand that our most powerful weapons against crime are the programs proven to keep kids from becoming criminals in the first place. These include early childhood programs, quality Head Start and child care, prevention of child abuse and neglect, good schools and after-school programs, as well as programs that nip delinquency in the bud by getting troubled kids back on track.

Key Contact: K. P. Pelleran - kppelleran@fightcrime.org - 517-371-3565

Website: www.fightcrime.org

Head Start - State Collaboration Program

Focus: Coordination of state and local programs with Michigan's Head Start grantees and liaison with the federal government

Key Contact: Nancy Willyard, HS-SCP Director - willyardn@michigan.gov - 517-241-5091

Website: www.mhsa.ws then click "hsscp".

High/Scope Educational Research Foundation

Focus: Evaluative research, curriculum development, training, publishing, and communication to lift lives through education.

Key Contacts: Dr. Larry Schweinhart, President, lschweinhart@highscope.org
Gavin Haque, Educational Services Director, ghaque@highscope.org 734-485-2000

Website: www.highscope.org

Institute for Children, Youth and Families - MSU

Focus: A multidisciplinary institute supporting university-community collaboration in research, outreach and policy analysis to improve the lives of children, youth and families from diverse communities.

Key Contacts: Dr. Esther Onaga, Acting Director – onaga@msu.edu - 517-353-6617

Website: www.icyf.msu.edu

Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health

Focus: Nurturing and strengthening relationships between infants and their caregivers

Key Contact: Betty Tableman - tableman@msu.edu - 517-432-7138

Website: <http://mi-aimh.msu.edu/intro/index.html>

Michigan Association for The Education Of Young Children

Focus: Promoting quality education and the well-being of young children through professional development and advocacy.

Key Contacts: Keith Myers, Executive Director - kmyers@miaeyc.org

Steve Manchester, Public Policy Specialist - smanchester@miaeyc.org 517-336-9700

Website: www.miaeyc.org

Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education - Early Childhood Committee

Focus: Early childhood special education and inclusion

Key Contact: Tom Koepke – koepke@misd.k12.mi.us - 734-242-5799 x 1400

Website: <http://maase.org/>

Michigan Association for Community and Adult Education

Focus: Enhance member effectiveness by providing the highest quality of information services, professional training and legislative support to make possible the delivery of comprehensive community education services for all.

Key Contact: Ken Walsh, Executive Director - MACAE@macae.org - 517-321-2395

Website: www.macae.org

Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators

Focus: College and university early childhood teacher preparation

Key Contact: Regina Nelson, W.M.U. - nelsonr@wmich.edu - 269-387-3509

Website: www.naecte.org/staffils/MI.html

Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators

Focus: The mission of Michigan's educational service agencies (ISDs, RESAs, RESDs), is to provide visionary leadership and quality services to strengthen teaching and learning for all citizens.

Key Contact: Jon Tomlanovich, Associate Executive Director - jont@gomasa.org - 517-327-9260

Website: www.gomaisa.org

Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, Early Childhood Committee

Focus: The importance of early childhood education

Key Contact: Sally Vaughn, Livingston Educational Service Agency

vaughns@gwise.lesa.k12.mi.us - 517-540-6802

Website: www.gomaisa.org

Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA)

Focus: Services to school administrators and quality leadership on educational issues

Key Contact: Position vacant - 517-327-9262

Website: <http://gomasa.org/>

Michigan Association Of School Boards (MASB)

Focus: Quality educational leadership services to all Michigan boards of education; advocacy for student achievement and public education

Key Contact: Justin King – jking@masb.org - 517-327-5934

Website: www.masb.org

Michigan Association of United Ways

Focus: Support of community service systems with excellence, leadership, and partnerships

Key Contact: Bob Parks – bparks@uwmich.org - 517-371-4360

Website: www.uwmich.org

Michigan Child Care Task Force

Focus: Advocacy and education related to early childhood education and care

Key Contacts: Jane Zehnder-Merrell, MLHS – janez@mlan.net

Richard Lower, Michigan Head Start Association – richard@mhsa.ws

Jane Zehnder-Merrell – 517-487-5436

Richard Lower – 517-374-6472

Website: www.miaeyc.com/taskforce/taskforce_page.html

Michigan Coalition for Children and Families

Focus: Legislative priority of prevention and advocacy for programs to prevent problems

Key Contacts: Michele Strasz, MCMCH - MTSTRASZ@aol.com - 517-482-5807

Bill Long - long.w@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.msue.msu.edu/msue/imp/modml/00000004.html

Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care Network (4-C)

Focus: Quality early childhood education and care.

- Child care referral services – 1-866-4CHILDCARE or 1-866-424-4532 (through 15 regional 4C offices)
- Child care provider training (through 15 regional 4C offices)
- T.E.A.C.H.
- EQUIP grants
- Start-Up grants
- Scholarships and incentives e.g., accreditation, child care, training, etc. (through 15 regional 4C offices and at the Michigan 4C Association office)

Key Contact: Mark Sullivan – Sullivan@mi4c.org - 517-351-4171 x 11

Website: www.mi4c.org

Michigan 4C Association regional offices

4C Child Care Unlimited, (Flint region), 810-232-0145. www.flint4c.org

4C of the Upper Peninsula, 906-228-3362. www.4c-up.com

Child & Family Services/NE MI 4C, 989-354-8089. <http://4c-ne.com>

Child Advocacy 4C of Central Michigan, 989-463-1422. www.linkforfamilies.org

Child Care Concepts 4C, Family & Services, 989-631-5390 Ext. 3335 www.ccc4c.com

Child Care Connections/NW MI 4C, 231-941-9412. www.nwmi4c.org

Child Care Network, Washtenaw Regional 4C, 734-975-1840. www.childcarenetwork.org

Child Care Resources, Kalamazoo Regional 4C, 269-349-3296.

www.workfamilysolutions.com

Children's Resource Network, Ottawa Regional 4C, 616-396-8151. www.crn.net
Detroit/Wayne County 4C, 313-259-4411. <http://comnet.org/local/orgs/4c>
Kent Regional 4C, 616-451-8281. www.4cchildcare.org
Livingston County 4C Council, 517-548-9112. www.childcare4c.com
Macomb/St. Clair 4C, 586-469-6993.
http://macombcountymi.gov/MSUEXTENSION/4C_Index.asp
Oakland County 4C Council, 248-681-9192. www.oaklandchildcare.org
Office for Young Children, Ingham Regional 4C, 517-887-4319. www.ingham.org/hd/oyc
Saginaw Valley Regional 4C, 989-497-0680. www.svr4c.org

Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health

Focus: Advocacy on maternal and child health issues in Michigan

Key Contact: Paul Shaheen – pshaheen@mcmch.org - 517-482-5807

Website: www.mcmch.com

Michigan County Social Services Association

Focus: Department of Human Services client advocacy

Key contact: Mel Haga, Interim Director - mel@mcssa.com 517-371-5303

Website: www.mcssa.com

Michigan Department of Education

Key Contacts: Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services - 517-373-8483

Lindy Buch – Director, - buchl@michigan.gov

Renee DeMars-Johnson - Even Start State Coordinator - [Demars-](mailto:Demars-Johnson@michigan.gov)

Johnson@michigan.gov

Vanessa Winborne – Early On State Coordinator - winbornev@michigan.gov

Connie Robinson – Michigan School Readiness Program -

robinsonconnie@michigan.gov

Jacqueline Wood –Great Parents/Great Start - woodjac@michigan.gov

Website: www.michigan.gov/mde

Michigan Department of Community Health

Key Contacts: Doug Paterson – patersond@michigan.gov - 517-335-8928

Sheri Falvay - FALVAY@michigan.gov - 517-241-5762

Mary Scoblic – scoblicm@michigan.gov - 517-335-8915

Website: www.michigan.gov/mdch

SAFE KIDS - Led by Michigan Department of Community Health

Focus: To prevent accidental childhood injury, a leading killer of children 14 and under.

Key Contact: Jeff Spitzley - spitzleyj2@michigan.gov - 517-335-8131

Website: www.safekids.org

Michigan Department of Human Services

Key Contacts: Melody Sievert, State Child Care Administrator,

sievertm@michigan.gov -

517-241-0669

Kathi Pioszak, Children's Services Administration, pioszakk@michigan.gov – 517-335-6186

Jim Sinnamon, Director, Child Day Care Licensing, jssinna@michigan.gov - 517-373-8300

Kristen McDonald, Federal Liaison / Policy Advisor, mcdonald-stonek@michigan.gov - 517-373-4116

Website: www.michigan.gov/dhs

Michigan Directory of Service Providers for Infants, Toddlers, and Students with Disabilities

Focus: Intended for parents, educators, and other service providers seeking resource information related to the educational needs of children, students, and clients. The directory contains contact information about resources for children ages birth to three with special needs and their families (Michigan's *Early On*® population) and students ages 3-26 with disabilities.

Website: http://www.cenmi.org/se_directory.asp

Michigan Early Childhood Professionals Consortium

Focus: A statewide professional development system for individuals working with young children

Key Contacts: Laurie Nickson - lnickson@miaeyc.org - 517-336-9790 ext.25

Erin McGovern - erinmcgovern@kentisd.org - 616-447-3080

Website: None

Michigan Federation for Children and Families

Focus: Efficient and effective services to Michigan's at-risk children, families and individuals

Key Contact: Elizabeth Carey - elizabeth@michfed.org - 517-485-8552

Website: www.michfed.org

Michigan Head Start Association

Focus: Advocacy for the needs of the state's poorest children

Key Contact: Richard Lower - richard@mhsa.ws - 517-374-6472

Website: www.mhsa.ws

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Website: www.mhsa.ws then click "hsscp".

Michigan League For Human Services

Focus: Identify and help solve Michigan's health and social welfare problems through research, analysis, dissemination and advocacy (example Kids Count Data)

Key Contact: Jane Zehnder-Merrell - janez@mlan.net - 517-487-5436

Website: www.milhs.org

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc.

Focus: Provides information and referral, short term assistance, limited direct representation, systemic advocacy, training, publications, and other advocacy for persons with disabilities, including young children at risk or with disabilities.

Key contact: Information and Referral, through website, or 800-288-5923.

Website: www.mpas.org

Michigan Providers Alliance

Focus: Promoting quality child-care through provider education. A training resource for child-care providers in Michigan.

Key Contact: Penny Mitchell - pmitchell@mpamich.com - 877-868-4672

Website: www.mpamich.com

Michigan Ready to Succeed Partnership

Focus: Partnerships across community sectors to ensure that all Michigan children enter kindergarten ready to succeed in school and in life.

Key Contact: Suzanne Miel-Uken – smiel-uken@pscinc.com - 517-484-4954

Website: www.readytosucceed.org

Michigan's Children

Focus: Legislative activities related to children's issues in Michigan

Key Contact: Sharon Peters – peters.sharon@michiganschildren.org -517-485-3500

Website: www.michiganschildren.org

Middle Cities Early Childhood Task Force

Focus: Advocacy for middle cities' programs serving at-risk children

Key Contact: Jill Swanson - jswanson@remc12.k12.mi.us - 269-965-9624

Website: www.middlecities.org/earlychild.htm

Office of the Children's Ombudsman

Key contact: Michael Harmon, Acting Director - 517-373-3077

Website: www.michigan.gov/oco

Parenting Awareness Michigan

Focus: A Michigan initiative to promote awareness, education, and resources – through state outreach and local efforts -- emphasizing the importance of effective parenting in nurturing children. PAM provides materials, resources, and technical assistance.

Key Contact: Luanne Beaudry - pamcampaign@preventionnetwork.org -1-800-968-4968,

Web Site: www.preventionnetwork.org or www.preventionnetwork.org/pam%20homepage.htm

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School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI)

Focus: SCHA-MI is a statewide service and advocacy organization whose mission is to promote access to quality primary health care and prevention services for all of Michigan's children with an emphasis on access to care through school-based/school-linked health centers. Michigan's school-linked health centers provide comprehensive health care and support services for pregnant and parenting teens, including prenatal care and health care and support services to children of pregnant and parenting adolescents.

Key Contact: Debbie Brinson, Deb Brinson - DBrinson@scha-mi.org - 517-381-8000, ext. 219

Website: www.scha-mi.org

Secondary Educators for Early Childhood (SEEC)

Focus: Enhance communication between teachers of secondary students in State-approved Occupational Child Care Programs. Help shape the future of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. Provide promising practices and updates to the teachers of the 65 programs and 3,500 students interested in a career in Early Childhood education and/or Child Care.

Key Contact: Nicki Cassidy, Mecosta-Osceola Career Center 231-796-805 -

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Website: None

Special Education State and Local Interagency Coordinating Councils

Focus: IDEA-Part C advisory oversight and policy recommendations

Key Contact: Vanessa Winborne - **WinborneV@michigan.gov** - 517-335-4865

Website: None

State Alliance of Michigan YMCA's

Focus: To serve, connect and lead the movement in building strong and healthy YMCAs

Key Contact: Kevin Bush - **Kevin.Bush@YMCA.NET** - 734-462-1585

State of Michigan Departments

Focus: Committed to collaboration and the improvement of early childhood education and care services, public policy and the protection of children.

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Website: www.greatstartforkids.org.

Great Start for Kids

Key Contact: Joan Blough - info@greatstartforkids.org - 269-345-5968

Website: www.greatstartforkids.org.

Zero to Five Advocacy Network (ZFAN)

Focus: Collaboration and advocacy for home visitor prevention programs serving families and young children

Key Contact: William Newhouse - billnewhouse@childcrt.org - 517-482-7533

Website: www.childcrt.org/zfan.html

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