

Great Start Collaborative-Oakland 2010 Action Agenda Summary

Pediatric & Family Health	Social & Emotional Health	Parent Leadership	Child Care & Early Education
<p>Goal 1: Screening & Resources All young children and their families have access to basic screening and health care resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Provide education and mentorship to parents so that they are aware of insurance benefits available. • Strategy B: Create a health outreach model utilizing existing clinics and health care settings to reach those in need. <p>Goal 2: Medical Home Every child has a medical home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Create a “Medical Homes for All Young Children” initiative. <p>Goal 3: Immunizations Increase immunization rates among young children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Improve the accuracy of immunization data in the Michigan Care Improvement Registry • Strategy B: Provide educational opportunities and materials for parents on the importance of immunizations. <p>Goal 4: Infant Mortality Reduce infant Mortality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Continue public awareness and education efforts on safe sleep and the importance of prenatal care <p>Goal 5: Childhood Obesity Reduce childhood obesity during early childhood years in Oakland County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Align and collaborate with existing public awareness and education efforts on obesity prevention. <p>Goal 6: Subcommittee Membership The Physical Health Subcommittee will be representative of the broad range of physical health care services and facilities in Oakland County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Increase subcommittee membership. 	<p>Goal 1: Challenging Behaviors All children with challenging behaviors have access to quality early care and education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Develop a professional development and parent support plan based on data gathered from discipline policies, challenging behavior surveys and provider focus groups. • Strategy B: Monitor implementation of additional CCEP services to assure services are meeting the needs of Oakland County. <p>Goal 2: Maternal Depression Pregnant women have access to adequate prenatal and post partum services for maternal depression.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Outreach to physicians regarding their current practices to screen for and support prenatal and post partum depression services • Strategy B: Partner with existing work that is being done in Oakland County for prenatal and postpartum depression services. <p>Goal 3: Social-Emotional Screenings When developmental screenings are administered, a social emotional component is included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Outreach to physicians and community partners to encourage that developmental screenings include a social emotional component. <p>Goal 4: Professional Development Professionals have knowledge of and access to professional development and technical assistance that is focused on social-emotional health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: A list of social emotional training resources will be developed; a gap analysis of additional social emotional needs will be created; a plan for including additional training resources will be developed. 	<p>Goal 1: Awareness Increase the awareness, utilization, and communication of existing parenting education and family support services in order to empower parents to assist their families in becoming self-sufficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Continue to evaluate and disseminate a Parenting Education and Family Support Resource Guide for families with young children. • Strategy B: Create a central database and calendar for programs and services for young children and their families. • Strategy C: Outreach to the community to increase utilization of parenting resources throughout the community (i.e. through list-serves, parent resource fairs, and the traveling kiosk). • Strategy D: Provide training on the importance of early childhood development and community resources, including empowering parents. • Strategy E: Create “Parenting your Infant/Toddler/Preschooler” toolkits. <p>Goal 2: Access Every family with young children has the skills and knowledge needed to provide learning opportunities, leading to school readiness for their children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Provide high quality parenting education and family support services that are research based. • Strategy B: Assess the availability and accessibility of existing parent education and family support services in Oakland County, using the Strengthening Families/ Protective Factors Model 	<p>Goal 1: Special Needs Children with special needs are identified early and are connected to appropriate early intervention services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Outreach to physicians and provide technical assistance on child screening/assessment and community resources. • Strategy B: Outreach to GSC partners and others and provide technical assistance on child screening/assessment and community resources. <p>Goal 2: Professional Development Early childhood care and education professionals have access to professional development and technical assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Provide training and networking opportunities for early care and education professionals that address the diverse and special needs of families. • Strategy B: Connect child care professionals to training opportunities and community resources. <p>Goal 3: Quality Early Care and Education High quality early care and education is available for families in their communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Identify high quality early care and education programs and research QRIS for Oakland County. • Strategy B: Provide quality improvement training and technical assistance to early care and education programs. • Strategy C: Work toward Joint Recruitment for Head Start and GSRP <p>Goal 4: Kindergarten Readiness Children are prepared for kindergarten, teachers and schools are prepared for the children they will receive, and parents are prepared to participate in the process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy A: Build partnerships between schools and early childhood programs to ensure a smooth transition into elementary school.