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To: Shawn Petri, Superintendent

From: Katie Keith, Director of Early Childhood

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Subject: Early Childhood Update

COOR Community and Family Connection (formerly Great Start Collaborative)

With the elimination of the Great Start Collaboratives and Family Coalition, we have been working to rebrand our name in a way that aligns closely with COOR while still reflecting our collaboration with partners and families. We are excited to share that we will now be called **COOR Community and Family Connection**.

We developed two logo options that represent our continued work and invited our partners and families to vote on their preferred design (see below). We hope that our new brand will help reduce confusion following the conclusion of the GSC, while also supporting growth, strengthening communication, and increasing visibility through a more consistent and recognizable identity across all materials and platforms. As we move our work forward, we will continue partnering with our community members and families to develop a shared mission and vision that reflect our collective goals.

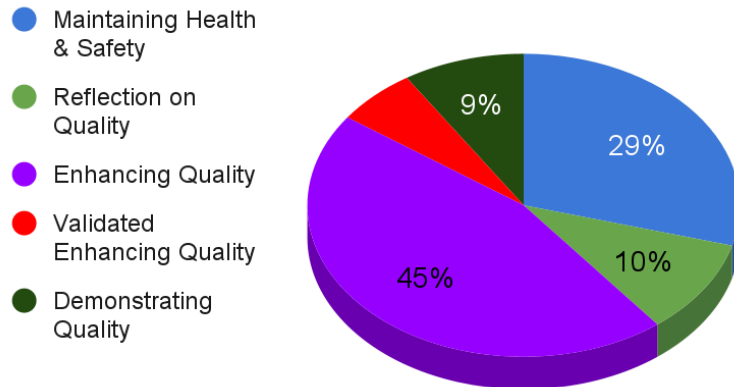


Last month, in partnership with the Crawford/Roscommon Child Protection Council, we were invited to help host a media and informational event with the Central Michigan District Health Department for a new program launching in Roscommon County called **RX Kids**. RX Kids is a cash support program for pregnant mothers and their babies, providing \$1,500 during pregnancy, and babies receive \$500 a month during the baby's first six months of life. The program aims to improve infant and maternal health, economic and mental well-being of participants, and community-wide outcomes. Enrollment began Monday, December 1st. For more information regarding the program please visit: rxkids.org

Great Start to Quality

The Northeast Great Start to Quality Resource Center is currently servicing 201 Licensed Child care programs. 71% of those 201 programs are choosing to participate with us. Participation means that they are working within the state's Quality Rating System, measuring indicators of quality in their programs. Our Resource Center is leading the state with the percentage of programs participating. We attribute this to the relationships that we emphasize while working with our child care providers.

Child Care Program Quality Level Breakdown for the NE Resource Center:



Maintaining Health & Safety- 29%

(Base level of Quality after attaining a license)-

Reflection on Quality- 10%

(Program applied for a quality level and is reflecting on current practices)-

Enhancing Quality- 45%

(Programs that have chosen at least one goal to accomplish)-

Enhancing Quality- Validated- 6%

Validated- (Programs that accomplished at least one goal, documents confirmed, and agree to have an onsite observation done)-

Demonstrating Quality- 9%

(Program had an onsite observation and met the threshold score to be the highest quality level)

Our goal for this year is to move at least 10% out of the Health & Safety level to begin participating within the quality rating system. We also want to increase the number of programs in the top two levels of quality of 10% each. To reach those levels, the program must agree to have an approved rater visit the program and observe and score the program. These two levels are the most accurate measure as they use evidence-based assessment tools to attain the scores. We will share this data again with you at the end of the year to measure our growth.

Great Start Readiness Program

[Enrollment Dashboard](#): current enrollment numbers

We continue to attempt to fill our programs.

LAP B-K: The [first checkpoint for LAP B-K](#) has been completed and reviewed. Overall, staff like the assessment and really enjoy having more time with students. Most

students are proficient in [51%+ for the domains](#) that were assessed. Classrooms are currently collecting ongoing data for executive functioning, social emotional and self help. The next checkpoint starts in January.

[Family Style Meals MiLEAP Memo](#): COOR will monitor classrooms with the [following checklist](#) throughout the year to ensure rules and expectations are being met. COOR is encouraging programs to use the checklist to complete a self-assessment to ensure all rules and expectations are fulfilled.

TRANSPORTATION: COOR was awarded the full request for GSRP transportation funds, \$294,060. All programs received their full request and budget sheets are updated. The funds are now accessible for reimbursement.