

Early Childhood Comprehensive System's Co-Chair Application

This summer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services received a federal grant to study and improve the connection between places where children spend their time in their early years (childcare, foster care, home visiting, etc.) and health care (doctors' offices, specialty care, Early On services, etc.). We are reaching out to family caregivers to help us understand what families see as successful coordination and understand the challenges families face when trying to coordinate services. Our goal is to identify ideas that will strengthen our system and improve support to families.

To accomplish this, we are forming a committee of family caregivers and early childhood leaders and are asking for your help identifying applicants. Here are some important details for applicants:

Meetings

- The committee **will meet every three months** for about **three hours**
- The committee will meet from January of 2022 until September 2023.
- We expect all meetings to be virtual by Zoom.
- Family committee members will be **reimbursed for their time, mileage (if applicable), and childcare.**

We need:

- One Family Co-Chair
- 5 Family Advisory Committee members

Applicants should meet these criteria:

- Must be a primary caregiver (foster caregiver, biological parent/caregiver, or adoptive caregiver) of a child (pregnancy through age 3)

The Family Co-Chair should have:

- Leadership experience. For example, a team leader at work or volunteer committee chair
- Past or current board or committee experience
- Experience with health or early childhood programs

Preferred experience for the **Family Committee members** include:

- A primary caregiver of a child (pregnancy through age 3)
- Experience navigating health or early childhood programs

You can use this application to apply for either role. Applications must be received by **11:59pm on Friday December 3rd**. Thank you for considering this opportunity to have your voice heard and help guiding the work in the Michigan Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant.

For more information about the Advisory Committee, reimbursement policy, or meetings please contact Synthia Britton at (517) 582-4431 or brittons@michigan.gov.

Contact and Family Information

Name (First/Last):

Email:

Phone:

County:

Zip code:

Please indicate your race:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Latinx/Hispanic
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other - please indicate below

Please indicate your pronouns:

- He/Him/His
- She/Her/Hers
- They/Them/Theirs
- Ze/Zir/Zem
- Other - please indicate below

For which role are you submitting this application?

- Family Co-Chair
- Family Advisory Committee member
- Both

What are the ages of your children? Please check all that apply:

- Prenatal
- Birth to 18 months
- 19 months to 2 years
- 3 -5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-18 years
- 19 years and older

Tell us about your family:

Why are you interested in this opportunity?

What experience have you had with health and/or early childhood programs/systems (for example, the birth of a child, finding child care, enrolling in early intervention, etc.)?

Leadership Experience

Have you participated in virtual meetings (for work, connecting with friends and family, etc.) using tools like Zoom or Microsoft Teams?

- Yes
- No

Do you have experience in participating in any of the following?

- Community Boards or Committees
- Agency Advisory Boards or Councils
- State or Community Boards (GSC/GSPC, LICC/MICC, LLG, RPQIC, CAN Councils, Head Start, etc.)
- Creating a new 501c3 or support/Advocacy Group
- Other Boards, Councils or Committees (job specific, child care centers, Parent Teacher Associations, etc.)
- None of the Above

Please provide the names of the boards, councils, and/or committees that you have participated in?

Please tell us about your leadership experiences. This can include leadership within your family, community, school, employment, and/or community organizations or activities.

How would you describe your current skill level working in a leadership role?

- Very skilled
- Somewhat skilled
- Not that skilled
- Not skilled at all

Do you have specific skills or experience that you could bring to our committee work? For example, do you speak multiple languages, work in healthcare or childcare, work or volunteer as an advocate for women or children?

If selected, your participation will be very important to the success of this committee, and we want to partner with you to help your attendance throughout the year. Please describe any accommodations that may be needed to ensure your full participation.

If you are not selected, there may be additional chances to share your story or to engage with this work. Would you be open to our team contacting you in the future about these opportunities?

- Yes
- No
- Other: <comment>

Thank you for taking the time to communicate your interest in this Advisory Board! We are looking forward to reviewing your application and will be in contact with you about next steps.