Race shapes the experiences and opportunities of all children in Michigan. While many children in immigrant families are meeting key developmental benchmarks, there are differences across racial groups. Families of color, in particular, are struggling with housing, financial security, education and language barriers. Culturally and racially responsive programs can ensure that all children in Michigan can thrive.

Taking a closer look at the data reveals different experiences across racial groups. Children in White, Non-Hispanic and Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant families fare better than Latino/a children in immigrant families when it comes to higher education.

What’s needed to improve outcomes for all children?

- Keep families together and in their communities
- Provide quality education to help children in immigrant families meet key developmental measures
- Increase economic opportunity for immigrant parents

While most kids in immigrant families are living above 200% of poverty, this is true for only a third of Hispanic children of immigrants. Among U.S.-born families, Black children are least likely to live in families above 200% of poverty.