



Start Small, Think Big: Meet the Think Babies Michigan Collaborative

Think Babies Michigan is a collaborative of members from around the state — leaders, experts, parents, organizations and providers — working together to improve the lives of babies prenatal to three years old and, therefore, the well-being of our state as a whole. Together, we combine resources to help support these growing minds and their families.

Why prenatal to age 3?

The first three years of a child's life are a critical, formative period that can lay the groundwork for the best possible outcomes throughout a child's life. Across Michigan, tens of thousands of families with infants and toddlers are not able to access the high-quality programs, services and opportunities they need to raise healthy and thriving children. But our work is about so much more than those three years. It's about shaping a child's future. Supporting their families. Improving the health and prosperity of our state as a whole. That's why we're working to ensure that race, income or zip code do not determine a child's destiny.

Who leads this collaborative effort?

In the beginning, over 950 families, advocates, researchers, government officials and service providers from around the state came together to create Michigan's Prenatal-to-Three Policy Agenda. The policy agenda focuses on increasing access and enrollment in high-quality services such as child care, home visiting, early intervention and postpartum care for Michigan families with low incomes who have children under the age of 3. Over time, we have picked up momentum and what started as an effort between 950 members has grown into an alliance of thousands..

Leadership is provided by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Hope Starts Here: Detroit's Early Childhood Partnership, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health, Michigan League for Public Policy, Michigan's Children, Parent Leaders and many others serving on the Steering Committee.



Get involved today.

Join this growing coalition to help implement a policy agenda to expand services for babies, infants and toddlers.

Scan the QR code above or visit www.ecic4kids.org/policy-thinkbabiesmi to learn more.