

# Eaton Great Start Collaborative 2023 - 2024 Action Agenda Summary



## OUTCOME 1 Children born healthy

*Goal 1:*  
Improve maternal and child health outcomes

*Goal 2:*  
Understand the issues that prevent women in Eaton County from seeking prenatal care

*Strategy 1:*  
Welcome baby bags serve as resources to engage and support families

*Strategy 2:*  
Embed and build partnerships in Eaton County to supply Vitamin Angels prenatal vitamins to women

*Strategy 1:*  
Raise awareness around the importance of adequate maternal health care

*Strategy 2:*  
Improve system-level understanding of barriers women in Eaton County face to accessing prenatal care

## OUTCOME 2 Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade

*Goal 1:*  
Improve maternal and child health outcomes through collaboration with WIC, the GSC and the FC

*Goal 2:*  
Enhance the strengths of Eaton County families utilizing the Protective Factors framework

*Strategy 1:*  
Implement a collaboration plan between WIC, the GSC and the Family Coalition

*Strategy 2:*  
Exchange opportunities and resources including breastfeeding promotion and support

*Strategy 1:*  
Complete an updated Strengthening Families Assessment following directives

## OUTCOME 3 Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry

*Goal 1:*  
Increase access to high quality early care and education services and supports

*Strategy 1:*  
School Readiness Advisory Committee will address school readiness

*Strategy 2:*  
GSC, FC and RC work in collaboration to facilitate childcare availability in the wake of the influx of state and federal funds

*Strategy 3:*  
Support and build connection opportunities for childcare providers

## OUTCOME 4 Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade

*Goal 1:*  
Build connection and improve awareness around the importance of early literacy

*Strategy 1:*  
Host a community wide event emphasizing the importance of early literacy

*Strategy 2:*  
1000 Books Before Kindergarten utilized as a county wide resource to promote early literacy and for children to access free books

*Goal 2:*  
Expand access to high quality literacy programs, services and materials (32p6)

*Strategy 1:*  
Create a Talking is Teaching campaign utilizing natural touchpoints to connect families to literacy supports, resources and materials



Eaton Great Start Collaborative is charged with the coordination and expansion of the local early childhood infrastructure. This work falls under the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential.

## LEARN MORE

<https://www.eatonresa.org/early-childhood/eaton-great-start>

<https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/early-learners-and-care>

[Michigan's Collective Early Childhood Action Plan](#)

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Parents, teachers, community members and others invested in early childhood at the local, county and state level join together to focus on the outcomes, goals and strategies listed on the front in order to improve early childhood outcomes for children and family in Eaton County. You are welcome to join us!

*(scan the image below for our meeting schedule)*

