

Nomination Process for Parent Members of Michigan's Prenatal-to-Three Collaborative Steering Committee

The Pritzker Children's Initiative is investing in and supporting solutions in early childhood development from birth to age three, with a goal of every child reaching kindergarten ready to learn. This year, they are partnering with a select group of states around the U.S. to reach their goal of expanding high-quality services nationally, to at least one million low-income families with children prenatal to age three by 2023.

Of the 42 states that applied for this highly competitive funding from Pritzker, eleven states were selected, and Michigan is one! The initial award of \$100,000 will support a nine-month planning process to establish a coalition of partners inside and outside of government working at both the state and local level to develop a Prenatal-to-Three policy agenda and action plan for Michigan focused on expanding statewide access to high-quality programs designed to support children's healthy development and build a strong foundation for learning. At the end of nine months, Michigan and the other ten states in this cohort will compete for three-year action grants of between \$1 and \$3 million to support the implementation of the state's plan.

Parent leadership and voice will be an essential principle and key design element in developing Michigan's Prenatal-to-Three policy agenda, and therefore, the Steering Committee of Michigan's Prenatal-to-Three Collaborative is seeking nominations for two parent members to serve on the Steering Committee. If you know of a great candidate, or if you are a parent leader interested in serving in this role, please complete this [brief application](#). The Collaborative will also be engaging parents of infants and toddlers who are currently using state and federally funded programs and services who can provide feedback and advice, through in-person and virtual work cafes/listening sessions, that will inform the development of the policy agenda and action plan. If you are interested in providing your input in this way, please consider becoming a member of the Collaborative, by clicking [here](#) and adding your name and contact information.

Details about the Steering Committee Members Representing Parent Voice

Qualifications:

Ideal nominees for the Steering committee:

- have experience using programs/services for a child between the ages of 0 and 3
- are able to demonstrate prior experience working at the local or state level to achieve positive outcomes for pregnant mothers and parents of young children
- are currently parenting* at least one child between the ages of 0 and 4
- are able to gather input from other parents to inform decisions that the Steering Committee will make
- represent the racial, cultural and geographic diversity of Michigan

Commitment:

All Steering Committee members will be asked to participate in a minimum of eight in-person meetings, held once a month in Lansing, between June 2019 and January 2020, and sub-committee meetings and discussions (some in-person and others virtually) throughout the grant period to contribute fully to the development of the policy agenda.

Compensation and Support:

Steering Committee members representing parent voice will be paired with another Steering Committee member and supported by the facilitator, to ensure that all background knowledge, resources and supports needed to fully engage in the process are met. In addition, parent representatives will have access to financial supports to assure participation, which includes funding for travel and child care costs, as well as a meeting honorarium for their time.

Selection Process and Timeline:

- Applications are due to ECIC by Friday, May 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
- The selection of the two Steering Committee members will be announced on or before the end of May
- Steering Committee members will attend their first meeting on June 13, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Should you have any questions about this process or Michigan's Prenatal-to-Three Collaborative, please contact Holly Wingard at the Early Childhood Investment Corporation at hwingard@ecic4kids.org or 517.816.4336.

*ECIC and the Prenatal-to-Three Collaborative defines the term *parent* as any adult serving in a role in which they are providing consistent care and are serving in a decision-making role for a child (guardian, grandparent, foster-parent etc.).