



PATHWAY PROGRAM

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The goal of the Pathway program is to shift the number and diversity of quality educators and leaders in the early childhood pipeline, leading to greater access and quality of early childhood education opportunities for children and families in Battle Creek.

Who are we??

Welcome to our inaugural Early Childhood Education Collective newsletter! This month's addition is an introduction to the program. As you see from our goal above, we are all about building good quality child care in Battle Creek. From brain research, we know the most important years of development are from birth to five. It is an explosion of learning! As an early educator, you should know you play a huge role in each individual child's success in school and in relationships. Through a grant from the Kellogg Foundation we are able to offer support both financially and professionally. Financial support includes 100% of the cost of training courses for CDA and Associates in Early Childhood Education. It is also support for credential applications fees, CPR needs, and textbooks.

In addition, you receive educational support from four professionals that offer a combined total of over 100 years of early childhood experience. (Yes, we've all done it a while!) These professionals will assist with support on coursework and CDA portfolio. Pathway Navigator will assist you through any roadblocks, and provide assistance with paperwork such as CDA, TEACH, FAFSA, and KCC applications and class registration.

In future quarterly newsletters, I plan to highlight the many successes in the program and provide opportunities and ideas for all things Early Childhood. But as you will see on the second page, we have had a boom of participants. This group comes from a wide variety of backgrounds, age groups and ethnicities. Each arriving at different places on their educational journey. We like to talk about early childhood being a stackable career, with the sky being the limit. Please join us in improving the quality of childcare to children of Battle Creek!

WHAT'S NEW IN ECEC

Our Goal
Who Are We??

Successes

Contact Info

Director _____

Teacher _____

Assistant _____

Para-pro _____

Substitute _____

Volunteer _____





Successes!!!

We have seen so much growth and transformation over the past few months. Presently we have 46 Early Childhood Educators from 12 different centers in Battle Creek that are seeking either their CDA or an Associates in Early Childhood. Nine individuals have been financially and technically assisted in completing their CDA applications, and five of those individuals have qualified to apply for TEACH assistance. In the past month, two individuals have been awarded a CDA. Participants have been assigned CCEI (CDA) courses when appropriate. And this summer the Pathway program paid for 19 classes at Kellogg Community College for those participants either taking the CDA Portfolio class or those working on their Associates degree. It is so exciting to see the growth in the numbers of highly qualified early educators.

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Childhood job
opportunities in
the Battle Creek
area...**

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