



PATHWAY PROGRAM

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The goal of the Pathway program is to increase 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.

Summer 2023

What's New?

Currently, the Pathway Program is assisting 171 individuals with either a Child Development Associate (CDA) or an Associate degree in Early Childhood Education.

Students are hard at work as the Summer Semester kicks off at Kellogg Community College. The pathway program has 42 individuals working on their Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. Between the 42 students, they are enrolled in 44 courses at KCC! Way to go, Bruins!

The Pathway Program has 135 participants working on their CDA. Individuals are working hard in CCEI or taking KCC Courses to obtain their Preschool, Infant/Toddler, or Home-Care Provider CDA! Keep working hard!

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Center Spotlights

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Doris Hale Head Start

Doris Hale Head Start Center opened in 1999. They are located at 110 Green Street in Battle Creek. They have one Early Head Start classroom that serves 18 months to 3 years, 2 part-day classrooms serving 3 and 4-year-olds, and 4 full-day classrooms, 2 of which are GSRP/Head Start blended rooms serving 4 and 5-year-olds.

Doris Hale has been a part of the Pathway program since 2019. The staff has been a part of this program to help them gain their CDAs. They have found it to be very helpful with the added support that the Pathway program gives to them. Accountability and encouragement have also been a plus. The Center Manager of the Doris Hale Center stated, "the Pathway Program is a great asset to any organization wanting to give their staff a jumpstart on their educational path and career."



Battle Creek Christian Early Learning Center

Battle Creek Christian Early Learning Center is located in Pennfield serving approximately 250 kids. BCCEL is designed to meet the developmental needs of infants, toddlers, young children, and school age children. The center provides a safe, healthy, Christian environment. It also provides experiences that enrich and enhance each child's cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical, creative, and spiritual development. Using Christian principles to guide the daily activities, the staff serve as positive role models and provide care that is supportive, warm, nurturing, and responsive to each child's individual needs. The pathway program has allowed several of our employees to obtain their CDA. The program has and is making a big impact on several early childhood programs in the community and I'm happy to be a part of it.



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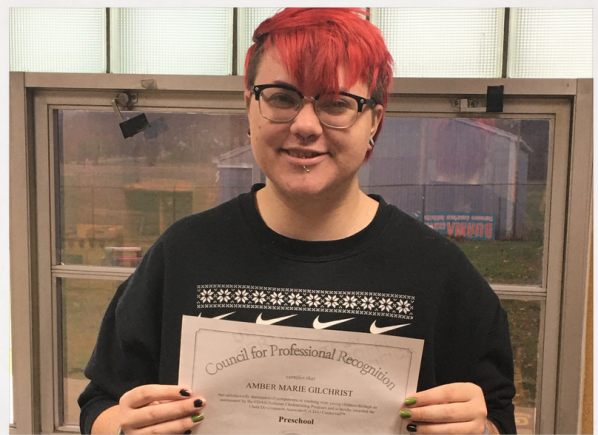
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Our CDA Stars

Since December, 14 participants have received their CDAs and we have processed 2 renewals. CDA recipients were: Fay Washington, Sam Ebeling, Jailien Gray, Kaleigh Burnett, Kathryn Whitney, Kimberly Bell, Kimberly Oliverio-Moore, LaSheena Rowden, Marcia Trigg, Mariah Enriquez, Sabrina Beebe, Sarah Buschlen, Veronica Steinecke, Brenna Winger, Amanda Hueckel, Jaylah Bynum. Misty White, Cienna Gibbs, Clara Hernandez, Jessica Henderson, Andrea Mesarosh and Ashley Peterson.



Alexis Marble



Parker Gilchrist



Hazel LeMon



Jailien Gray

★ Pathway Staff Stars

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Hey everybody, I am the admin assistant to Lisa and assist with the CDA/AA Pathway Program. I also run the Facebook page for our program. I have been involved in the Early Childhood Community for around 8 years and I used to be an Educator over at Binder Park Zoo for most of that time. I attended CACC back in 2015-2016 where I obtained my CDA. I am currently finishing my Associate's Degree in ECE thanks to this program.

Jamie Carsten

My name is Jamie Carsten, I am the admin assistant to Lisa Farrell and Michelle Williamson. I assist with the CDA/AA Pathway and WKKF Housing Incentive Programs. I graduated from Union City High School and the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center in 2012. I have been in the Early Childhood Education world in various roles. I got my start with Community Unlimited through the 21st Century After-School Program, both as a student and employee. I started working in GSRP classrooms in 2014 as a caregiver and fell in love with the work. I moved into an Assistant Teacher role and obtained my CDA in 2020. I am so excited for the opportunity to help Early Childhood Educators obtain their credentials.



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