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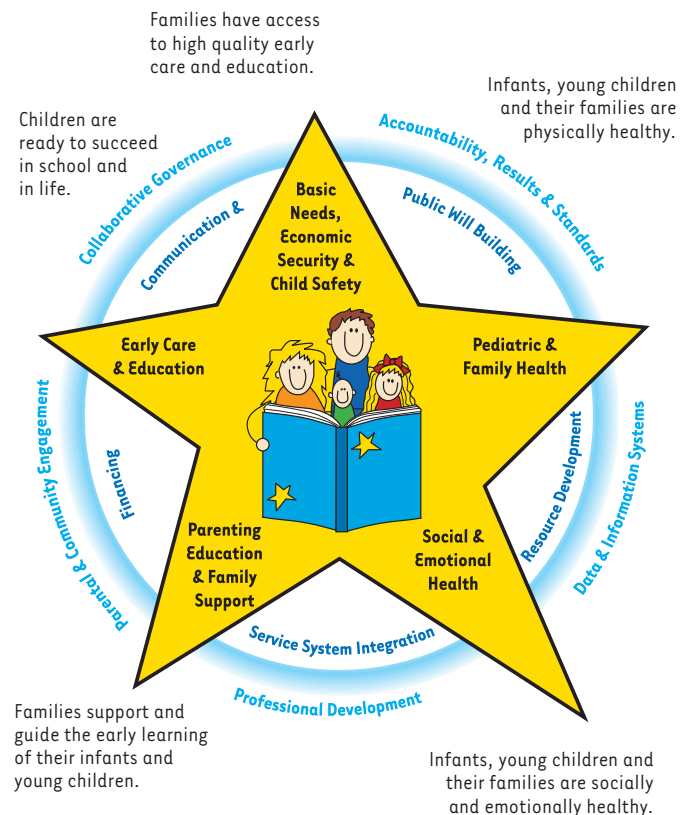
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The **Great Start Collaborative** is currently made up of more than 30 different participants and organizations from around the community. Representatives from business, health, education, human services, legislative, high education, non-profit, court systems, parents, and philanthropy are committed to creating a movement in our area that seeks to involve the entire community in supporting families as they raise their young children to succeed in school and in life. For a listing of our partners, visit www.greatstartforkids.com



The Components and Structure of The Great Start System



DID YOU KNOW?



Healthy brain connections depend on healthy human interactions.

At birth, a baby's brain is still unfinished. While connections have been formed to control breathing and heart beat, the rest of the connections are waiting to be "hooked up".

That's why the **Early Years Are Learning Years!**

Visit our helpful website for additional early childhood resources
www.greatstartforkids.com



Great Start

provides you with the resources necessary to assist your child on his or her journey of learning.

To learn more, call us at 231.547.6217 or toll free at 1.877.866.3714



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Supporting parents as they teach their children from birth to age 5.

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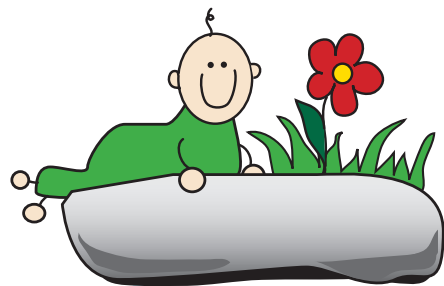
Great Start Network is designed to help families walk their child toward school readiness starting at birth. What your child experiences today impacts his or her success in the future. Coordinated by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Great Start Network offers parents connections to services and programs in their local community to provide positive and rewarding results for young children and families.



Great Start Network (Previously Stepping Stones to School):

- ▼ provides age appropriate information on health, development, and parenting/community resources
- ▼ connects families with their local school
- ▼ provides families with resources in their local community
- ▼ provides fun and educational opportunities for families
- ▼ assists with referrals to community agencies

Great Start is a network of services for all families with children between birth and age 5 in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District region of Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties.



"Everything a child experiences in life matters."

Talk,

"Children learn more and at a faster pace in their first few years than any other time in their lives."

read,

"Early brain development affects lifelong learning and behavior patterns."

explore,

from birth



to age 5.



Great Start Parent Coalition is made up of parents, grandparents, and care givers in Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties who believe that every child should get all that he/she needs for a successful start in life.

Great Start Parent Coalition:

- ▼ builds public support and good will for early childhood
- ▼ hosts advocacy and education activities with parents, community members, and policy makers at the local, state and federal levels
- ▼ provides professional development, training or workshops for members
- ▼ gives parents, grandparents, and caregivers a chance to have a voice while making a difference and having fun
- ▼ is open to any parent, grandparent, or caregiver with children birth to 12



YES, I'd like to register for the Great Start Network and Parent Coalition

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Birthdate: _____/_____/_____
 Mailing Address: _____ Street Address (if different): _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ E-Mail Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
 Names of Children: _____ Birth Date: _____/_____/_____
 _____ Birth Date: _____/_____/_____
 _____ Birth Date: _____/_____/_____
 School District (if known): _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this form, I consent and understand that the information from registration will be made available to Char-Em ISD, local school districts and Great Start Collaborative members for mailings and contacts notifying me of services and activities for my family. The project also includes data collection for population studies and quality control and I or my children will not be identified personally. This consent can be ended by notifying Great Start Network by phone, in person, or in writing.