

## Parenting Resources

Are you looking for parenting resources, playgroups, and community activities?



### Saginaw County:

Parent Coalition: (989) 399-7458

[www.greatstartsaginaw.org](http://www.greatstartsaginaw.org)

### Bay-Arenac Counties:

Parent Coalition: (989) 992-1803

[www.bayarenacgreatstart.org](http://www.bayarenacgreatstart.org)

### Midland County:

Parent Coalition: (989) 492-7700

[www.greatstartmidland.org](http://www.greatstartmidland.org)

### Gratiot & Isabella Counties:

Parent Coalition: (989) 875-5101

[www.greatstartgi.org](http://www.greatstartgi.org)

### Clare-Gladwin Counties

Parent Coalition: (989) 386-8644

[facebook.com/cgparentnetwork](https://facebook.com/cgparentnetwork)

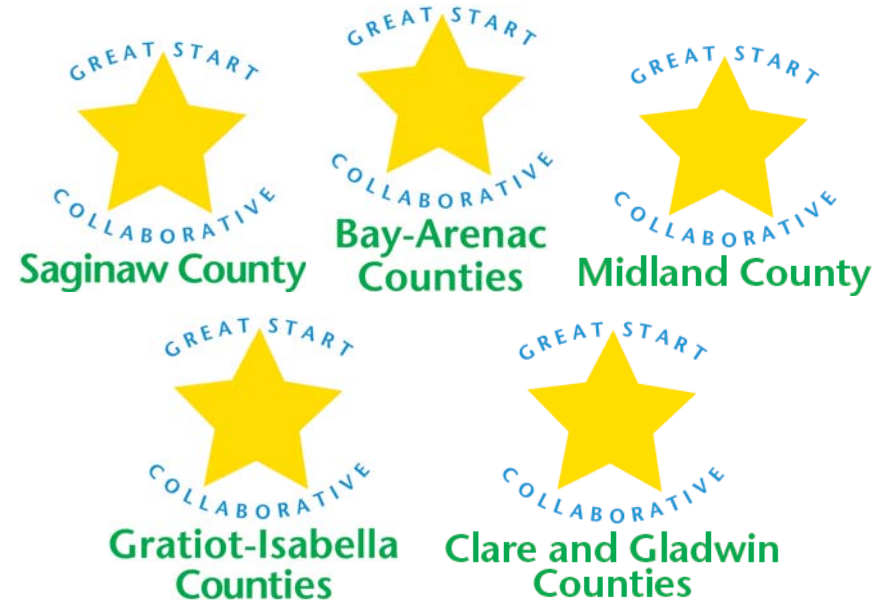
## A Great Start In The Great Lakes Bay Region

### A Guide to Supports for Early Childhood Services



Great Lakes Bay Region™

Where Innovation Flows



Give your child a great start today!

Did you know that almost 90% of the architecture of a child's brain is already developed by the time he or she is 5 years old? Parenting in the early years is an important and sometimes tough job!

The Great Start Collaboratives of the Great Lakes Bay Region want to make sure that you have all of the support that you need to ensure school success for your child.

Are you new to the area? Are you looking for a specific service for your preschool age child? Do you have a concern about your child's development or health?



This resource guide serves as quick reference for parents and families with access information for service “hubs” throughout the region. Don't hesitate to contact your local Great Start Collaborative for more information about early childhood in our area.

Give your child  
a great start today!

Family Education & Support

Contact: All Counties: Dial 211

Saginaw County

Department of Health and Human Services

Phone: (989) 758-1100

Bay County

Department of Health and  
Human Services

Phone: (989) 895-2100

Arenac County

Department of Health and  
Human Services

Phone: (989) 846-6541

Midland County

Department of Health and Human Services

(989) 835-7040

Isabella County

Department of Health and  
Human Services

(989) 772-8400

Gratiot County

Department of Health and  
Human Services

(989) 875-5181

Gladwin County

Department of Health and  
Human Services

(989) 426-3300

Clare County

Department of Health and  
Human Services

(989) 539-4260



## Parent Leadership

Would you like to learn more about parent leadership?

- Learn advocacy skills that will help you speak out for your children and the children in your community.
- The Parent Coalition can provide you with an opportunity to be heard, training, knowledge about early childhood, and opportunities to network with other concerned parents.
- The Parent Coalition offers a variety of ways to get involved. Some parents connect only through email, while others attend and collaborate at meetings and/or events. You choose your level of involvement.
- Parent Liaisons are available in all six counties ready and eager to help you connect to the Parent Coalition.

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## Great Start Collaborative

Your county's Great Start Collaborative believes that every child is important and strives to achieve a coordinated system of community resources and support to all families.

Each county's Collaborative works to provide community based strategies which increase the achievement and success of our children in school and in life.



### Our Outcomes:

- Children are born healthy
- Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade
- Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry
- Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade

### Saginaw County

Great Start Collaborative  
(989) 399-7452

[www.greatstartsaginaw.org](http://www.greatstartsaginaw.org)

### Bay-Arenac Counties Great Start Collaborative

(989) 667-3280

[www.bayarenacgreatstart.org](http://www.bayarenacgreatstart.org)

### Midland County Great Start Collaborative

(989) 492-7702 X1173

[www.greatstartmidland.org](http://www.greatstartmidland.org)

### Gratiot-Isabella Counties Great Start Collaborative

(989) 875-5101

[www.greatstartgi.org](http://www.greatstartgi.org)

### Clare-Gladwin Counties Great Start Collaborative

(989) 386-8657

[www.cgresd.net/cggreatstart](http://www.cgresd.net/cggreatstart)

## Childcare and Preschool



Are you looking for quality early care and education?

Contact: [www.GreatStartToQuality.org](http://www.GreatStartToQuality.org)

### Start Here for Quality Early Childhood Education

Eastern Resource Center:  
Saginaw & Bay-Arenac Counties  
(989) 399-7457  
or (877) 614-7328

[www.GreatStartToQuality.org](http://www.GreatStartToQuality.org)

Central Resource Center:  
Midland, Gratiot-Isabella,  
Clare/Gladwin Counties  
(877) 614-7328

[www.GreatStartToQuality.org](http://www.GreatStartToQuality.org)



Don't worry but don't wait...

Saginaw County: Early On  
Saginaw County ISD  
1-800-327-5966

Bay-Arenac Counties: Early On  
Bay-Arenac ISD  
(989) 893-0075

Midland County: Early On  
Midland County ESA  
(989) 492-7100

Gratiot-Isabella Counties Early On  
Gratiot-Isabella RESD  
(989) 433-2962 Ext. 120

Clare-Gladwin Counties Early On  
Clare-Gladwin RESD  
(989) 386-8612

## Do You Need Healthcare For Your Child?

### Saginaw County Department of Public Health

1600 N Michigan Ave #304  
Saginaw, MI 48602  
(989) 758-3800  
St. Mary's of Michigan (989) 907-8000  
Covenant Healthcare (989) 583-0000

### Bay County Health Department

1200 Washington Ave  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(989) 895-4009  
McLaren Bay (989) 894-3000

### Arenac County Central Michigan District Health Department

4489 M-61 #3  
Standish, MI 48658  
(989) 846-6541

### Midland County Health Department

220 W Ellsworth St Midland, MI 48640  
(989) 832-6380  
MidMichigan Medical Center (989) 839-3000

### Isabella County Central Michigan District Health Department

2012 E. Preston St.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
(989) 773-5921

### Gratiot County Mid-Michigan District Health Department

151 Commerce Dr.  
Ithaca, MI 48847  
(989) 875-3681

### Gladwin County Central Michigan District Health Department

103 N Bowery Ave.  
Gladwin, MI 48624  
(989) 426-9431

### Clare County Central Michigan District Health Department

815 N Clare Ave.  
Harrison, MI 48625  
(989) 539-6731