

ECDC Goals & Objectives

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CORE PURPOSE:

The Early Childhood Development Coalition (ECDC) consists of 74 organizations and over 170 individuals working to provide services geared towards developing children and their families. Because so much of a child's brain development and learning takes place at an early age, these services prepare children to succeed in school, pursue additional education later in life, and make a life-long contribution to the community and economy. The three primary goals of the Coalition include: 1) organization of a community collaboration of service providers, educators, businesses, and government agencies; 2) promotion of the importance of early childhood issues to businesses, legislators, schools, parents, and the community-at-large; and 3) alignment with national research-based programs and organizations to provide best-practice models of early childhood development to early child care providers, schools, and parents. We will reach those three goals through eight objectives:

OBJECTIVE 1: Identify all children 0-5 and their needs (including children currently enrolled in pre-school and those not currently in any formal care program), connect resources to at-risk kids and improve the collaboration and coordination of available services within the community.

OBJECTIVE 2: Create awareness in the community by creating advocates within the community, including the medical, business, local and state government and media sectors.

OBJECTIVE 3: Create and implement a comprehensive early literacy program by working with the National Center for Family Literacy, the public libraries and others in order to provide appropriate training to child care providers and families on early literacy skills and to find age-appropriate measuring tools to ensure that children are developing at an appropriate pace.

OBJECTIVE 4: Work with leading experts in the field of infant nutrition to look at the impact that better infant nutrition has on brain development and learning in young children, including looking at key environmental factors that could prohibit that development.

OBJECTIVE 5: Develop transition plans for all children in order to better align them to start school ready to learn by working with kindergarten and preschool teachers to develop transition plans for children to ensure that they can move into school with all of the needed skills.

OBJECTIVE 6: Develop a formal evaluative mechanism to constantly gauge the effectiveness of the Coalition's work and programs.

OBJECTIVE 7: Develop strong, research-based family education programs to ensure that all families have the needed skills and information to prepare their children for success in life.

OBJECTIVE 8: Constant on-going research into the best practices available throughout the nation in early childhood initiatives.