



****MEETING NOTICE for December 1, 2010****
Lake Superior Room, State Library of Michigan
Agenda

Call Congress – Don't Cut 300,000 Children – See Below

9:30 Welcome: Call to order/Introductions (please sign in)

9:40 Business of the Task Force

- a) Michigan Department of Education Update – Pat Sargent, 517 241-4741, Sargentp@michigan.gov
- b) Early Childhood Investment Corporation Update – Karen Roback, 517-371-9000, kroback@ecic.org
- c) Department of Human Services Policy Update - Jean Lantzer-Brailey, 517-241-5052, lantzer-braileyj@michigan.gov
- d) Michigan Head Start Association- Robin Bozek, 517 374-6472, robin@mhsa.ws
- e) Community Mental Health Update – Deb Marciniak, 517-381-8247, Ext.2, dmarcini@mphi.org
- f) Child Day Care Licensing Update – Colleen Nelson, 517-335-6226, nelsonc7@michigan.gov
- g) Michigan Budget & Tax Update – Jane Zehnder-Merrell, 517-487-5436, janez@michleagueforhumansvs.org

10:15 Presentations:

- Implications of the 2011 elections on early childhood programs, Matt Gillard, Michigan Association of United Ways
- Status of the policy consensus initiative, Pat Sorenson, Michigan's Children
- Building of a high quality early learning system, Karen Roback, Early Childhood Investment Corporation

12:00 Adjourn

Visits with legislators: Be sure to make an appointment!

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings:

- March 2, 2011
- May 4, 2011

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Michigan's Children;
Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children;
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Association for Child Development.

Legislative Sponsor(s):

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Call Congress – Don't Cut 300,000 Children

Call Congress This Week telling Congress them to make child care, Head Start, and the Early Learning Challenge Fund a priority as they return to Washington for a lame duck session.

Congress is back in Washington on Monday and has limited time to do some important work: ensure that funding is not cut for child care and Head Start before the end of the year.

As many as to 300,000 children could be dropped from child care and Head Start, and we need to create the Early Learning Challenge Fund to encourage states to do even better for young children and families.

Congress is considering appropriations bills that could go backwards in spending for child care and Head Start, and would lose the Early Learning Challenge Fund.

Tell Congress to move forward and fund the Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head Start, and the Early Learning Challenge Fund.

It is important that everyone makes the calls!

Quick Tips for your call

1. Call 1-888-460-0813
2. The first person to answer the phone will be an operator who will ask how you want to be connected. Tell the operator the name of your Member of Congress. Not sure who? Use your zip code to look it up at www.naeyc.org/policy/action
3. Once you are connected to the office of your Member of Congress, a staff person will answer the phone. Tell the staff person: My name is (name) and I am calling from (city, state) and I am (your role). Don't drop 300,000 children from child care and Head Start. Make sure that continued funding for the Child Care and Development Block Grant and Head Start is NOT REDUCED in the appropriations bill and that the Early Learning Challenge Fund is included. We are counting on you here in (state). Thank you.
4. Then, hang up and ask five friends or coworkers to make a call as well.