

Why Invest in Early Childhood?

Studies show that increased investment in early learning means States spend less later.

- ◆ Decrease rate of crimes & arrests
- ◆ Decrease in welfare use
- ◆ Decrease rate of teen pregnancy
- ◆ Reduction in job training costs, grade repetition and special education

Return on the Investment

The economic return is clear:

- ◆ For every \$1 spent there is \$17 savings in future spending
- ◆ Higher graduation rates
- ◆ Higher earning and tax revenue
- ◆ Higher job productivity

Source: Economic Development with a High Public Return, Art Rolnick & Rob Grunewald. January 2003



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*All children will enter
Kindergarten safe, healthy,
and ready to succeed in
school and in life.*

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What is Great Start?

The Great Start System is a single network of public and private services and supports which work together to accomplish better results for young children and families.

Great Start Collaborative

The Great Start Collaborative (GSC) is composed of **parents** and **community leaders** from child welfare, health and mental health, education, child care, philanthropy and business. This group oversees the planning, implementation and on-going improvement of the local Great Start system.



Great Start Star

Great Start goals ensure that families:

- * Are **economically stable**
- * Are **safe**, as well as **physically, socially and emotionally healthy**
- * **Support and guide** early learning
- * Have access to **high quality early care and education**

And that **children are ready to succeed in school and in life.**

Great Start Parent Coalition

The Great Start Parent Coalition is open to anyone serving in the parenting role for a child under the age of 12.

- **Meets six times** per year
- Offers guidance and ideas for **parent involvement**
- Has membership reflecting **the diversity** of the community
- **Supports and represents parents** to the local Great Start Collaborative
- **Needs YOU!**

To join our Parent Coalition contact:

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