

 <p>ECDI EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ROCHESTER — MONROE COUNTY</p> <p>Vision & Mission</p>	<p>Vision: Every child in Greater Rochester has the foundation to succeed in school and in life. To make this vision a reality, The Early Childhood Development Initiative (ECDI)'s mission is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mobilize the community to expand and improve developmentally appropriate early care and education; ▪ Serve as a catalyst for change by promoting significant, broad-based and steadfast community commitment to improving the quantity and accessibility of quality early care and education; and ▪ Engage public and private stakeholders and advocates for public policies that support and encourage those services. <p><i>ECDI is not funded. Sponsors and partners fund programs directly.</i></p>
<p>Focus</p>	<p>Children, prenatal through age eight, and their families; families with few resources and supports are the highest priority.</p>
<p>Selected Accomplishments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early childhood voice represented at local initiatives and statewide committees. ▪ Raised \$90K to purchase developmentally appropriate materials for RCSD Kindergarten, critical to success of new 2011-12 Kindergarten curriculum. ▪ Brought back \$8M dollars to the County for child care subsidies from NYS. ▪ Local accreditation system for early childhood programs, <i>Pathways</i>, launched. ▪ Child Care Council, Inc. key leader on statewide efforts on improving infant & toddler care through NYS Infant Toddler Network. ▪ Initiatives that support secure attachments in children birth – three: Talk, Sing and Play with your Baby (media messaging) and Nurturing Communities (a child care program which permits mothers to care for their own babies while they pursue college education). ▪ RECAP: 14-year assessment system measuring quality in UPK programs developed and implemented; findings include Rochester has highest quality classrooms for 4 year olds in Western world. New assessment measure (CLASS) introduced to measure quality of teacher-student interactions. ▪ Rochester one of 13 NYS Quality STARS pilot communities. ▪ Monroe County leadership continues to support and maintain the differential for accredited childcare providers, rewarding quality. ▪ RCSD UPK: wrote proposal and leveraged resources to bring UPK to RCSD; fully integrated with 20 community partner agencies and reaches nearly 2,000 4-year olds each year. ▪ BASIC proposal funded by United Way, implementation has increased access to mental health services for young children in Rochester. ▪ PLTI – Started a local branch of this national initiative – a 20 week class for parents on civic engagement – public/private funded partnership
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<p>ECDI Committees</p>	<p>Advocacy, Social Emotional Wellness, Family Engagement, Transition to K-3, Professional Dev.</p>



ECDI Long-Range Goals, 2011-2014

1. Greater Rochester is a community that values, funds, and supports, through policies and practices, each child’s early development.
2. Infants and toddlers have a secure relationship with at least one predictable adult who is sensitive and responsive to the child’s developmental needs.
3. Children have access to high quality early care and education (ECE) that support their well-being.
4. Children have capacity to manage their emotions and interact positively with others.
5. Parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources to make positive choices and advocate for themselves and their children and parents are partners in early education policy decisions.

Partners & Participating Agencies

ABC Head Start
 Center for Governmental Research
 Child Care Council, Inc.
 Children’s Institute
 City of Rochester

- Mayor’s Office
- Police Department

 Community Place of Greater Rochester
 Early Educators’ Network
 Early Childhood Education Quality Council
 Early Childhood Intervention Council
 Family Resource Centers at Crestwood
 Family Child Care Satellite of Gr. Rochester
 Generations Child Care
 Grantmaker’s Forum of New York
 Hillside Family of Agencies
 Marie C. and Joseph C. Wilson Foundation
 Max and Marian Farash Foundation
 Monroe Community College

- 292-Baby (formerly Rochester Parent Network)
- Strive Initiative (ROC the Future)

 Mount Hope Family Center

Monroe County

- Health Department
- Human Services Department

 New York State:

- Regional Early Childhood Direction Center
- Office of Children and Families

 Parent Leadership Training Institute
 Rochester Area Community Foundation
 Rochester Assoc. for the Education of Young Children
 Rochester’s Child
 Rochester Childfirst Network
 Rochester City School District:

- Department of Accountability
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

 Rochester Public Library
 Stepping Stones Learning Center
 The Children’s Agenda
 WXXI Public Broadcasting
 Young Audiences of Rochester