



Budget Basics: Next Steps for Investment in Michigan

Virtual Presentation
Wednesday, September 29
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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Agenda:

12:00pm-12:05pm: Welcome and Introductions

12:05pm-12:10pm: Highlight of Current Projects

12:10pm-12:20pm: Where Things Stand/Overview of the Budget Process

12:20pm-12:45pm: Budget Basics

12:45pm-12:55pm: Question and Answer

12:55pm-1:00pm: Closing



2021 Statewide Investment Poll:

Statewide Poll Conducted of Likely Voters

Showed strong support for a number of programs and opportunities to support kids and families:

- Increase in mental health services
- More affordable quality childcare for working families
- Career and jobs skills training
- Reduction in number of youth in the criminal justice system

Upcoming Podcast

Look for our next episode to drop in the coming days!

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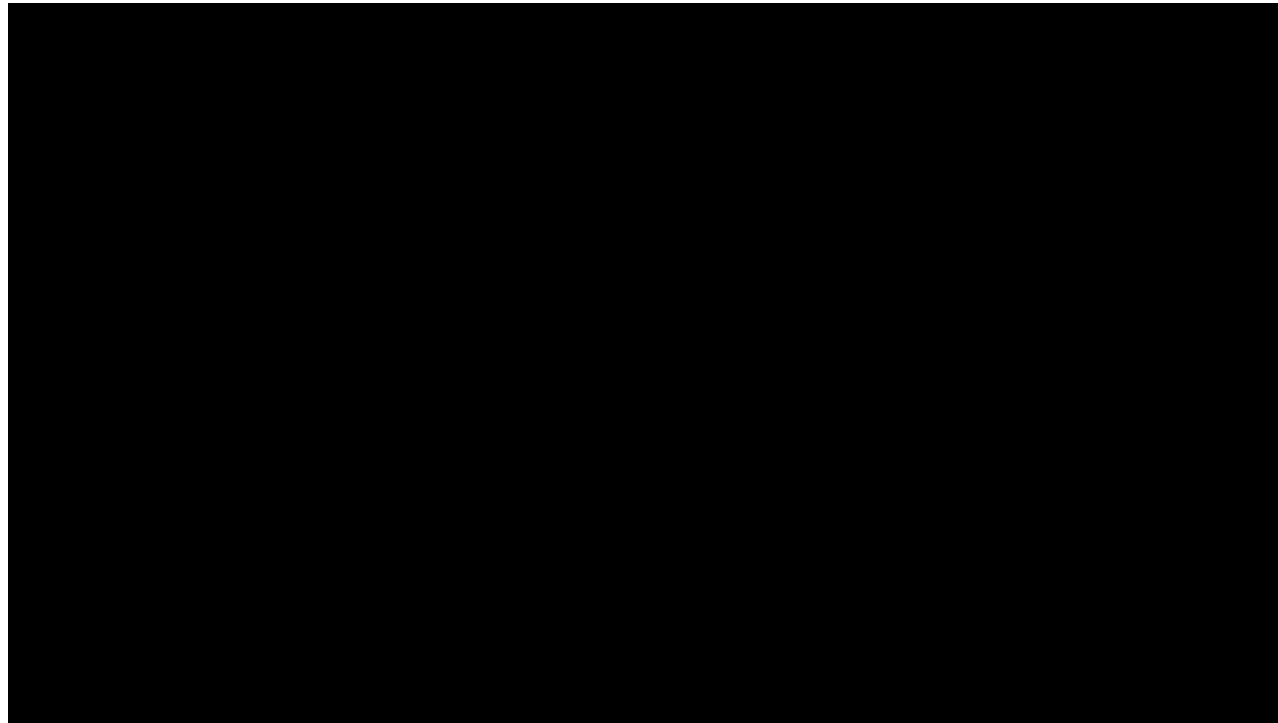
- Recent Statewide Poll Results
- Discussing the results with shared advocacy stakeholders

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Where Things Stand: Overview of the Budget Process

Matt Gillard, President and CEO, Michigan's Children



Budget Basics: What We are Encouraged By

Resources for Childcare: \$1.49 billion

- Increased Payments for Providers: \$700 million for operating child care centers
- Expanded Family Subsidy Eligibility: Rate increase by 30%; Raises Eligibility for the CDC program from 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) (\$39,750 for a family of four) to 185% through September 2023
- Expanding Childcare Slots: \$36 million for expanded slots in geographic shortage areas
- One-time bonuses for childcare workers: One time \$1,000 payment for childcare workers;
- \$1.5 million for Infant Mental Health Services

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Resources for Learning

\$5 million to continue community based before and after school programming

The Budget maintained funding at the same allocation for adult education services: \$30.5 million

Missed Opportunity: Both of these investment areas did not see an increase in their respective line items

Budget Basics: What We Are Encouraged By

Support for Foster Care: \$9.2 million

- Programming to create support coordinators
- Court-Appointed Advocates
- Legal Representation
- Caseworkers

Youth Transitions: \$11.5 million

- \$10.2 million in ARPA funds for Chafee foster care programming
- \$1.3 million expansion in ARPA Education and Training Vouchers

What's missing:

Skill-building opportunities for adult learners without a high school diploma;

Statewide access to afterschool and summer learning programs for families who struggle to afford these opportunities;

Ongoing child welfare supports including for **older youth** experiencing instability from foster care or homelessness;

Essential supports that keep families strong including housing, mental health, and economic security and opportunity

Question and Answer

PLEASE SHARE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE IN THE CHAT
BOX!

Thanks for joining us!

- Don't forget to download our Podcast: *Speaking for Kids*
- Save the Date for our next Lunch and Learn Series: *Wed., October 20th at noon*
- Visit our website to find our latest Budget Basics Brief

