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Looking Back at 2021: Policy Highlights and Investment Wins for Children & Families

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, Noon to 1 p.m.

Join the staff of Michigan's Children – and key partners working on behalf of the state's children, youth and families – as we recap the year in policy wins around early childhood, youth transitions, and adult skill building.

EARLY
CHILDHOOD

YOUTH
TRANSITIONS

ADULT
SKILL BUILDING

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Policy Wins in 2021
 - COVID-19 Implications
 - State Investments
 - Federal Investments
- Expert Discussion: Reflections and What's Next
- Q and A
- Close



Overview of Policy Conversations in 2021

- Reflected by implications of COVID-19
- Economic stimulus for families
- Addressing social issues facing families across Michigan and the country
- Ebbs and Flows of legislative policymaking
- Infrastructure
- The public supports investments in kids and families




Childcare Investments

- **Child Tax Credit Expansion (ARPA)**- expanded access to 2 million more children lifting 117,000 families out of poverty
- Expansion of the Great Start Readiness Program
- Support for childcare (licensed and unlicensed) providers



Investments in Youth

- College Access and Affordability for youth
 - Chafee Funding: \$10.2 million investment for aged out foster care youth
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Foster and Kinship Care Issues

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services exploring the expansion of Navigator programs

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services exploring the creation of a Kinship Advisory Council

September recognized as Kinship Caregiver Month

Adult Education

Adult Education Professionals
included in the expanded MI
Classroom Heroes Grant

Investment in the Build Back Better
Plan for the national Workforce
Innovation and Opportunity Act
Fund for adult skill building

Expert Discussion

- Deborah Frisbee, Parent Consultant, Adoptive Family Support Network (AFSN) and Co-Chair, Michigan Kinship Care Coalition Policy and Advocacy Committee
- Matt Gillard, President and CEO, Michigan's Children





Question and Answer

PLEASE SHARE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE IN THE
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Thanks for joining us!



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Happy Holidays to you and yours! See you in 2022!

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