

Great Start Collaborative – Wayne

Child Care Quality Rating and Improvement System

Project Goals

With the initial emphasis of this demonstration project in three (3) of The Skillman Foundation Good Neighborhoods, GSC-W is embracing the goal set by the Foundation to create lasting change for the children of Detroit. Providing quality child care and educational opportunities for children birth through age five will prepare children to succeed in school and improve their outcomes. Following the Good Neighborhoods model, GSC-W will meet with the community stakeholders and child care providers in the target neighborhoods to set the stage for assessing, rating and improving the quality of existing child care. In addition, where gaps in available, accessible, and quality child care exist, GSC-W will seek providers to close those gaps. Each of the Good Neighborhoods goals is similar to the component goals of GSC-W, with the Good Neighborhoods emphasis on youth being enhanced by GSC-W focus on the younger child from birth through age five.

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of child care in Wayne County and provide parents/families with a system that rates the current quality of available child care.

The objectives and/or outcomes for the demonstration QRIS project are:

1. GSC-W will establish and adopt a rating criteria and checklist within the first month.
2. Fifty percent (50%) of the child care providers in the defined area are participating in the project within the first year.
3. Eighty percent (80%) of the child care provider participants will be rated using GSC-W criteria within the first year.
4. All rated child care provider participants will have an improvement plan developed within forty-five (45) days of the initial rating.