



ECAN's Vision is to:

Be a proactive network that promotes collaboration and efficiencies on projects, relevant topics and policy recommendations regarding early childhood education

ECAN's Mission is to:

Provide leadership in early childhood education among Michigan's ISDs/RESAs

Provide a platform for collaboration and networking among Early Childhood leaders in Michigan

Improve child and family outcomes

Support the goals of the MAISA early childhood committee

ECAN's Goals are:

Work with OGS, MHSA, MAASE to address alignment discrepancies among the geographic boundaries impacting service areas for Head Start, GSRP and ECSE (1c)

Advocate for policy change that impacts ISD GSRP slot allocations such as: Cross ISD enrollment, CNAA process and the Allocation Process for GSRP funds

Work to establish a pilot program to extend the Great Start Readiness Program to the most at-risk three year old children through partnership with Head Start programs.

Develop a cross-walk between PQA, CLASS and the ECSQ-PK to support and advocate for increased flexibility in GSRP program quality tools

Work with the Office of Great Start (OGS) to expand the flexibility of using the 32P block grant

Advocate for increased funding to provide services to children and families birth through age 3 such as: Early On and preventive home visiting programs

Work on birth through third grade alignment in collaboration with elementary partners

Develop a communication plan to promote Michigan's early childhood system (pre-natal to kindergarten entry)

Support the implementation of the Michigan Kindergarten Entry Assessment