

ECA SERVES COMMUNITIES



Early Childhood Alliance partners with businesses and organizations, providing support and resources about quality early childhood education.

Early Childhood Alliance is also available to consult with businesses that are in need of solutions for employees with child care issues.



MISSION



To build better futures for young children by promoting and providing quality early childhood education and services for families, early childhood professionals and the community

VISION



For every young child to succeed and for families to be self-sufficient as a result of quality early care and education.



Contact us to receive our community newsletter or parent e-newsletter.

Building Better Futures for Children

Early Childhood Alliance depends on the generosity of the community for volunteers and financial support. Call us to learn more about giving opportunities.

We welcome your comments or questions about our services, or career and volunteer opportunities.

Early Childhood Alliance, a not-for-profit organization, is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer and service provider.



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Building Better Futures for Children

HOW IMPORTANT ARE A CHILD'S EARLY YEARS?



During the first five years, a child's brain undergoes its most rapid and significant growth, more than any other time of life. Providing a quality learning environment for children in early childhood is one of the most important factors in establishing the foundation for success in school and beyond.

For more than 60 years, Early Childhood Alliance (ECA) has provided programs and services that help families, early education professionals, and the community to nurture the development of children. Serving the counties of northern Indiana,* ECA is building better futures for thousands of children.

*Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, St. Joseph, Steuben, and Whitley Counties



ECA SERVES FAMILIES



CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

As one of nine child care resource and referral agencies statewide, ECA serves 10 northern Indiana counties:

- Assisting families in locating child care using our database of child care programs across northern Indiana.
- Providing information to assist families to make well-informed decisions about child care for infants through school age, including information about Paths to QUALITY™ a statewide quality rating and improvement system.
- Offering specialized referrals for children with special needs and for infants and toddlers.

LEARNING CENTERS

Quality care and education for children 6 weeks – school age, preparing children for kindergarten:

- Open 6 am– 6 pm, Monday - Friday.
- Tuition assistance options available.
- Before/after school and summer care for school age; transportation to 4 FWCS.
- Nationally accredited, Paths to QUALITY Level 4.

Downtown Learning Center

516 East Wayne Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana (260) 422-9990

Beacon Street Learning Center

2125 Beacon Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana (260) 399-2331



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Parents As Teachers

Supporting parents in their roles as their children's first teachers, Early Childhood Alliance offers the program, Parents as Teachers (PAT), by conducting:

- One-on-one in-home visits with parent(s) and child(ren) to demonstrate activities, introduce ideas to enhance the child's development, and share information and concerns.
- Periodic screenings for early detection of developmental problems.
- Hearing screening for children 0 – 3 years old.

Book Buddies

A literacy program designed for parents and caregivers of young children.

- Children participate in stories, songs, and learning activities.
- Parents learn ways to nurture early literacy at home.
- Families receive a book, materials, and activity ideas to extend learning at home.

ECA SERVES PROFESSIONALS



TRAINING, COACHING, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Support and resources for early childhood professionals that include:

- Information and assistance on starting a child care business.
- Classes and workshops.
- Resource Learning Kits.
- Enrollment in the statewide quality rating and improvement system, Paths to QUALITY™.

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

Sponsoring agency for CACFP, a federally funded, state-administered program ensures nutritious meals and snacks are provided for children in child care, by:

- Supporting child care homes and centers.
- Providing training and technical assistance.
- Managing reimbursement for food served.



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