

Brightening the Future For our Youngest Citizens



- ✚ Make a difference. Smile at a child. Play with a toddler. Hold a baby. Read a story. Provide support for parents, teachers and child care providers.
- ✚ The infant, toddler and preschool years are the foundation upon which a healthy childhood and adulthood are built.
- ✚ We all have a stake in ensuring that children grow up to be healthy, productive adults who give back to their communities.

Community

The North Branch area maintains a hometown flavor while continuing to grow in housing, business, and industry. The area encompasses six townships—four in Chisago County and two in Isanti County. Parks, trails, and local waters provide the ideal setting for recreation, plus the community has a rich tradition of events and activities for all ages. The North Branch area is a great place for young children to grow up and thrive!

Join This Important Undertaking

Use your unique strengths and talents to create a positive community for young children. Join the North Branch Area Early Childhood Coalition; local people working for young children. Coalition members include: parents, child care providers, the faith community, the school district, the county, business owners, elected officials, health care providers, and more.

For more information about the
North Branch Area Early Childhood
Coalition:

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or visit our website at:

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Our Vision:

In the North Branch area, every young child will be cherished as a member of a healthy family and a member of the community. Our children will be engaged and supported in their growth and development, and valued as an important citizen. Each family will feel connected to the community, knowledgeable about available resources within the community and empowered to access those resources regardless of their economic level.



Goal: *Educate Young Parents*

We will participate in activities which foster the education of young parents. We will support and collaborate with existing programs such as Early Childhood Family Education, Day Care Homes and Centers, Head Start, MOPS, Preschools, and School Readiness in their work in parent education. We will work with existing community and civic organizations and expand their role as resources to young parents.



Goal: *Improve Communications for Early Childhood Opportunities*

We will create and maintain a web site for families with young children to use for local events and opportunities, parenting information, community resources, links to community organizations and services, etc.

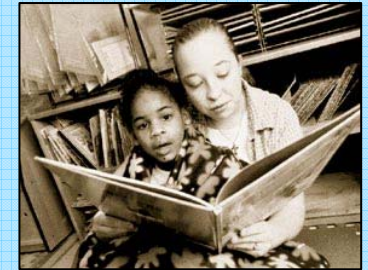
Goal: *Work to Increase Funding for Early Childhood Opportunities*

We will communicate with policy makers regarding the needs of young children. We will increase local investment(s) in young children. We will initiate grassroots literacy.

Goal:

Provide Access For All Preschoolers to Literacy-Based Education

We will provide information on early learning development and ways to improve literacy to our local early childhood community by giving away books and distributing flyers and handouts. We will distribute quality children's books to families at WIC clinics, medical and dental offices, immunization clinics, and community events. We will create and distribute Book Tubs for local waiting rooms for families to read together.



Goal: *Provide Indoor, Drop-In Recreation for Families with Young Children*

We will work with the local park and recreation boards and planners to ensure high quality, safe play areas for our youngest children. We will support the school district Early Childhood program's expanded indoor play space. We will plan monthly "Family Out & About" gatherings for field trips and recreation.

