



UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – FLINT
Early Childhood Development Center
Great Start Readiness Program
Information Sheet

This is a FREE Preschool Program!!

The Great Start Readiness Program is a state funded preschool program through the Michigan Department of Education for four-year-old children with at least two factors which may place them at risk for school success in their early years.

Qualifications

- To qualify for the Great Start Readiness Program your child must have at least 2 risk factors out of a list of 25. The list of risk factors is attached along with definitions. Verification of the risk factors is needed.
- In order to qualify based on income, you must fall under the State qualifications. (See attached income form). If you fall under the Federal income qualifications you may qualify for our Head Start Program. You may get more information about this program at the front desk.
- Your child must be four years of age by December 1st. You must present a copy of your child's Birth Certificate.
- Your child must have a current Health Appraisal and up to date Immunization Records.
- You must show proof of household income.

Overview

- Throughout the year, an "interest list" will be started for people inquiring about the GSRP program.
- In the Spring, anyone on the "interest list" will be contacted and given applications to fill out.
- A recruitment session will be held and anyone interested should bring all of the necessary paperwork along with their application. Anyone missing paperwork will not be eligible until they have it in. All of the necessary paperwork is attached. However, you will need to provide proof of any risk factors that apply to your child.
- In September, a committee will review all of the applications and contact everyone to let them know if they have been accepted into the program.

Picking Applicants

- The GSRP committee will review all of the applications.
- When picking applicants, the committee will look first at low income and then second at single parent households as the two most important risk factors.
- Anyone missing paperwork will be moved to the wait list.

About the Program

- The program runs from 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday for 35 weeks starting October 5, 2009
- Daily attendance is required.
- Two home visits will occur.
- Two conferences will take place.
- Parent / Family participation is required.
- Monthly Family Meetings will occur.
- Homework Folders will go home once a week.