



# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN–FLINT Early Childhood Development Center



## Great Start Readiness Program Information Sheet

The Great Start Readiness Program is a state funded FREE preschool program through the Michigan Department of Education for four-year-old children who may be "at risk" for school failure.

### About the Program

- Child must be four years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>
- First day of the program is Monday, October 7, 2019 and last day is Thursday, May 21, 2020
- The program runs 34 weeks from 8:00am-4:00pm, Monday–Thursday
- Includes full meals (breakfast, lunch & pm snack)
- Daily attendance is required
- Before/After care is available for those in need at \$6 per hour or \$46 for Friday (signed contract needed)
- Field trips are included at no cost
- Two home visits will occur, the first in September prior to the start of the program
- Two conferences will take place
- Parent / Family participation is required
- Monthly Family Meetings will occur

### Process

- Throughout the year, potential applicants will be directed to [geneseepreschool.org](http://geneseepreschool.org) to fill out an In-Take Application for eligibility
- Priority will be given according to the eligibility and prioritization flow chart with children that have low family income served first (250% below FPL), followed by family income from 250-300% with risk factors
- By July, families that are income eligible will be contacted to provide proof of income along with the child's birth certificate
- Those that provide documents in a timely manner will be secured a spot. Once all the spots are full regardless of eligibility, the family would be put on a wait list
- Enrollment before the start of the program can occur provided tuition is paid
- All paperwork for enrollment must be completed prior to orientation
- A mandatory orientation will take place prior to the start of the program (middle of September)

### Paperwork

- A copy of your child's Birth Certificate or proof of his/her age
- A copy of your child's current Health Appraisal and up-to-date Immunization Records
- Proof of annual family income, preferably tax statement from previous year
- Proof of any and all risk factors your child has

### Contact Information

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