

Leelanau Early Childhood Development Commission

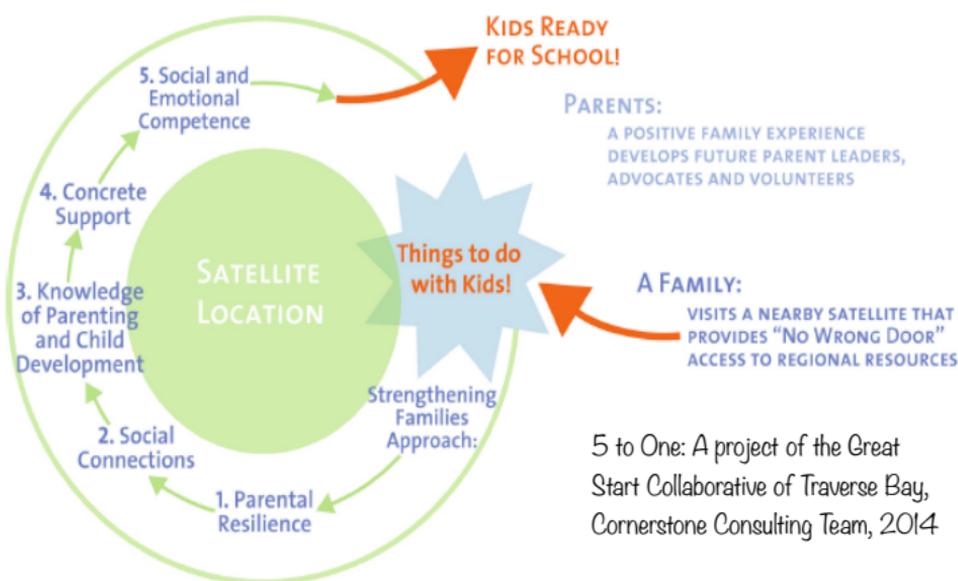


(LECDC - a 501-c-3 non-profit organization)

"Investing in early childhood development programming is an important step in improving schools, strengthening families, and promoting economic development."

Sally Guzowski, Leelanau Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

THE STRENGTHENING FAMILIES APPROACH CAN FACILITATE FAMILY EXPERIENCE
—WHILE ACCOMPLISHING PROJECT GOALS



The Leelanau County Early Childhood Development Commission incorporates the Strengthening Families comprehensive approach to support families.

"The evidence is clear—spending resources for high quality early childhood development programming and parenting support is a wise investment. It prepares our children to be successful in school, to become contributing members of society and to lead successful lives." Honorable Larry J. Nelson, Judge of Probate and Family Courts

"Parenting Communities, on the surface, provides a safety net for all and any families in the county. But, Parenting Communities is much more too. It fosters social networks, provides developmentally appropriate early childhood development information, and provides parents reflective opportunities. My sense is that Parenting Communities' subtle yet persistent efforts have resulted in a truly unique and nurturing parenting environment in Leelanau County." Dorothy Serrine, Parent

Our Mission: Provide families with access to a high quality, comprehensive, accountable system of care and early childhood experiences for all children prenatal through age 5.

To accomplish our mission, the LECDC is focused upon the following:

- 1. Assist through tuition scholarships to provide access to quality childcare programs.**
- 2. Ensure quality in childcare & preschool programs.**
- 3. Support families/parenting with programs such as home visits, weekly playgroups, and referrals to appropriate community resources.**
- 4. Monitor meeting objectives through accountability measures and research.**

"Healthy families, parenting support & quality early childhood programming are essential! If children have healthy experiences during the pre-school years, they will have the necessary foundation for school success and will come to kindergarten ready to learn."

Jason Stowe, Superintendent, Leland Public School

The LECDC Board consists of community leaders from a diverse range of professions and organizations.

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