



On behalf of the chairs and staff of the ECIC Pediatric and Family Health external advisory board committee, we would like report the progress to-date:

When we first began part of the charge for each committee was to focus on one component of the comprehensive, community-based system of early childhood health, development and learning services being built in Michigan under the leadership of the ECIC. The Pediatric and Family Health Committee gathered leaders from across the state to:

- Serve as a forum for shared leadership, coordinated planning and strategic communication regarding Pediatric and Family Health;
- Update and refine Michigan's strategic plan for a comprehensive early childhood system for all children birth to Kindergarten entry and their parents;
- Advise on the development of resource materials, technical assistance and consultation for communities, on the topic of Pediatric and Family Health;
- Plan and host a seminar for community leaders to provide them research and best practice information in the areas of Pediatric and Family Health;
- Provide recommendations to the Strategic Planning Committee of the ECIC which will further advance Pediatric and Family Health in Michigan.

In March 2007, leaders in Pediatric and Family Health from across the state gathered to give recommendations to update component specific goals and objectives in Michigan's Great Start Blueprint.

In March 2007, they gathered with leaders from across the state to yield input to Michigan's strategic plan for a comprehensive early childhood system for all children birth to Kindergarten entry and their parents. This work led to the refinement of the *Great Start Blueprint*.

In April 2007, committee work revolved around refining component specific goals. Recommendations were taken from the March Blueprint meeting that involved input from across the state and was reformulated with the recommendations presented by the committee in February. In addition, we also provided recommendations to the Strategic Planning Committee of the ECIC to further advance Pediatric and Family Health in Michigan.

In July 2007, the committee developed the following recommended long-term outcomes for the Pediatric and Family Health component of the great start blueprint:

Outcome #1: Comprehensive health insurance coverage for all young children.

Outcome #2: Every young child has a medical home that adheres to high quality professional guidelines.

Outcome #3: Every pregnant women in Michigan receives the six prenatal visits recommended by the ACOG.

**Immediate Plans for Future:**

A sub-committee will be formed to examine the possibility of convening a seminar for professionals in the field that will focus on the importance of and issues related to medical homes.