

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAPITOL DAY

MARCH 12, 2025 | LANSING, MI

Time	Event
9:00 am	Welcome + Early Childhood Capitol Day Tribute
9:25 am	Presentation: Michigan's Early Childhood Panel Willie Bell , Family Assistance for Renaissance Men (F.A.R.M.) Trisha Dart , Little Ones Learning Early Education Dr. Lakeshia Grant , Community Doula Angela Mentink , Early Impressions Preschool and Childcare Amy Zaagman , Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health Hear from experts across the early childhood field about trends and gaps occurring in Michigan. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions as they prepare for legislative meetings in the afternoon.
10:30 am	Presentation: Understanding Michigan's Executive Budget Recommendations Matt Gillard , Michigan's Children Monique Stanton , Michigan League for Public Policy From start to finish, learn how lawmakers set the fiscal budget in Michigan and what is included in the FY 2026 executive budget recommendations set by Governor Whitmer's administration.
11:30 am	Workshop: Using Your Story and Data to Promote Policy Change Kirsten Charnesky , Somerset Academy Annette Sobocinski , Child Care Network Special Guest Before you meet with your elected official, take the information you've heard today to focus your message and strengthen your story. This training will help participants mix data and lived experiences to make an impact in the legislative process.
12:15 pm	Lunch + Team Prep

Meeting with Lawmakers **as scheduled.**

