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The Department of Human Services (DHS) - Child Development and Care (CDC)	Contact info for local DHS: http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5459 5461,00.html To start the application: https://www.mibridges.michigan.gov	If you meet the income guidelines, DHS can assist with the payments for childcare. You can apply online, and if you need assistance with the application please call the SOS Office at 586-447-8609.
Great Start Connect DHS Childcare Search Engine	P: 877-614-7328 http://www.greatstartconnect.org/find-child-care-preschool http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs_cdc/sr_lfl.asp	Great Start Connect links families to high-quality early learning and care. This database can be used to search for childcare providers by zip code, rating, and more. This is a link to the DHS interactive site, where you can search for child care providers in your area. You can search the entire state, or narrow your search by city or zip code.
Michigan Head Start Locator	http://michheadstart.org/locator	Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children from birth to age five, pregnant women, and their families. They are child-focused programs and have the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families. Use this database to search for Head Start programs in your area.
Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA) Head Start and Early Head Start	P: 586-469-5215 Main office: 21885 Dunham Rd, Ste. 10 Verkuilen Building, enter through door "D". For more information: http://mccsa.macombgov.org/?q=MCCSA-CFS-HeadStart	Head Start is preschool for 3 and 4 year old children, and Early Head Start is a program for pregnant women and children age 0-3. Both are provided at no cost to eligible families. Early Head Start provides year-round services, in either the home or one of four local classrooms, and Head Start 3-5 is a school readiness program. Call to see if you qualify, and schedule an appointment to complete and application. You will need to provide proof of Macomb County residency, proof of child's age, and proof of income.
Great Start to Quality	http://greatstarttoquality.org greatstarttoquality@ecic4kids.org	Great Start to Quality helps parents find the best childcare and preschool for their child, and helps providers improve the care and education they give to their children., Standards set by Great Start to Quality are used to rate child care and preschool programs to ensure that Michigan's youngest children have high-quality early learning experiences. See the website to search the database of childcare options, and to learn more about the ratings standards used.



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Great Start Readiness Program Directory	http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/GSRP Parent Promo Doc 2013 4306637.pdf	Michigan's Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) provides high-quality preschool education to four year olds, and the eligibility is primarily based on income. Over-income families may be eligible, but might need to pay a fee based on a sliding scale. Program options include part-day preschool, school-day preschool, and a blend of GSRP and Head Start preschool. To learn how to apply and to find out if your family is eligible, contact your local intermediate school district (ISD). If you are unsure of your local ISD, use the Great Start to Quality Resource Center's toll-free statewide line and be asked to be connected to your local ISD: 1-877-614-7328
US Army Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS)	P: 586-282-3010 http://www.detroitarsenalfmwr.com/family/CYSS/CDC/CDC.html	The US Army Child, Youth, and School Services (CYSS) provides quality care and services for eligible children and youth ages 6 weeks to 18 years. Their services can be utilized by both Service Personnel and civilians; they operate on a sliding scale fee based on income. The Child Development Center (CDC) at the Detroit Arsenal features art, Spanish, gym, music, technology enrichment classes and more. Call or see the website for details and fee schedules.

