

## Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Initial Information for Potential Community Partners

### What is GSRP?

GSRP is Michigan's state-funded Pre-K program. It serves children who meet income and/or other criteria in the year before they are eligible for kindergarten. All classrooms use a research-based curriculum and comprehensive child-assessment tool. Each classroom has a lead and associate teacher who meet credentials specified in the State School Aid Act. Parents are involved in the program in multiple ways. The program can operate in part-day and school-day options, either four or five days per week. More can be learned about program requirements at [www.michigan.gov/gsrp](http://www.michigan.gov/gsrp).

### Who can be a GSRP provider?

GSRP is provided at sites licensed as child care centers. They may have either a regular license or a provisional license as a new or relocated center. Those with one of these types of provisional licenses must agree to submit a Self-Assessment Survey in the Great Start to Quality (GSQ) system as soon as the regular license is issued. Centers with licenses that have been modified to provisional status by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) are removed from the GSQ system and are not eligible. All centers that have eligible licenses must also have, or be able to reach "enhancing quality" by the end of the program year in GSQ.

### Would I have to meet all program requirements to be chosen as a GSRP provider?

No, but if funded, you will be expected to employ qualified staff, have staff trained in the curriculum and assessment tool, etc. You will have to operate in compliance with child care licensing rules and GSRP statute, policies and procedures. You would also have the support of an Early Childhood Specialist and the ISD to implement a program that meets requirements.

### Are there any other criteria and what do I have to do to apply?

You must have been a licensed provider for at least one year, and you must fill out the GSRP slot request form provided by the Birth to Five Early Childhood Coordinator Tracy Spincich at [tspincich@NorthwestEd.org](mailto:tspincich@NorthwestEd.org) or 231.922.6504.

### If I want my center to be considered in the future what can I do?

Complete the GSQ Self-Assessment Survey. Please connect with Tracy Spincich at [tspincich@NorthwestEd.org](mailto:tspincich@NorthwestEd.org) or 231.922.6504 to share your interest. There may be professional development, meetings, etc. that you can take part in as you prepare for the local application process.