



Strong Beginnings

Strong Beginnings Preschool Application 2020-2021

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by The Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiative

Qualifications for Strong Beginnings:

- Your child must be 3 by September 1st of the school year (Consideration for children who turn 3 from September 2nd-December 1st will take place after initial enrollment for FY 20-21)
- ☐ You must live in Berrien County
- ☐ You must meet the income guidelines for your family size stated below within the Strong Beginnings columns **OR**
 - If you qualify for Head Start: Please contact Tri-County Head Start at 1-800-792-0366 or <u>www.tricountyhs.org</u> or complete a Head Start approval form

2020-2021	Head Start	Head Start	Strong Beginnings	Strong Beginnings	Strong Beginnings
Household Size	0-50%	51-100%	101-150%	151-200%	201-250%
1	0-6,380	6,381-12,760	12,761-19,140	19,141-25,520	25,521-31,900
2	0-8,620	8,621-17,240	17,241-25,860	25,861-34,480	34,481-43,100
3	0-10,860	10,861-21,720	21,721-32,580	32,581-43,440	43,441-54,300
4	0-13,100	13,101-26,200	26,201-39,300	39,301-52,400	52,401-65,500
5	0-15,340	15,341-30,680	30,681-46,020	46,021-61,360	61,361-76,700
6	0-17,580	17,581-35,160	35,161-52,740	52,741-70,320	70,321-87,900
7	0-19,820	19,821-39,640	39,641-59,460	59,461-79,280	79,281-99,100
8	0-22,060	22,061-44,120	44,121-66,180	66,181-88,240	88,241-110,300
For each additional family member add	2,240	4,480	6,720	8,960	11,200

What you need to provide:

If you qualify for SB, you'll need to provide the following documents to be considered for enrollment. Enrollment doesn't happen on a first come first serve. Enrollment looks at income and risk factors to place children into the classrooms per State of Michigan requirements for SB.

Turn in the following items with your application packet:

- ☐ **Proof of Age:** Such as a Birth Certificate, passport, immigration record or baptismal certificate
- ☐ **Proof of Income:** Such as work earnings (W-2, tax return, or check stubs), child support, unemployment, SSI, cash assistance and any other proof of income
- ☐ **Proof of Residency:** Such as driver's license, rent receipt, utility bill, letter from shelter or host if between homes
- ☐ If your child has an IEP (Individual Education Plan) please include a copy
- ☐ Completed copy of the Health and Immunization form (included in this packet): To be completed prior to your child starting SB. This document will be completed from your child's doctor's office or your county health department where your child was immunized / vaccinated.



Strong Beginning Preschools in Berrien County

Statement of Purpose

Michigan is offering a Strong Beginnings pilot preschool program for three-year-old children with factors that may place them at risk for low educational attainment. This program is based on research that shows similar children, who attend a high-quality preschool for the two years prior to kindergarten, have significant positive developmental outcomes when compared to their peers who attended a high-quality program for only one year. This pilot is offered by the Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency, Office of Innovative Projects (CCRESA-OIP), under the direction of the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start (MDE-OGS).

All children that are served in Strong Beginnings will be offered a spot in the Great Start Readiness Preschool program. Families will be able to benefit from 2 years of free preschool programming that enroll.

School Districts:

Benton Harbor Charter School Academy 455 Riverview Drive, Suite 1, Benton Harbor MI 269-925-3807 (Full Day Program)

Community Based Organizations:

The Children's Center, Niles: Site 1 210 Main Street, Niles MI 49120 269-683-0405 (Full Day Program)

MICHIGAN STATE

Dear Families:

Thank you for applying for your child to participate in the Strong Beginnings program! The program will provide a high quality early learning experience. One of the goals of this project is to show that Strong Beginnings will support children's development in ways that help each child to be successful when they enter kindergarten. To provide that evidence, our team at Michigan State University is looking forward to assessing children's skills at multiple times across the study and asking families about the things they do with children at home. We look forward to learning about the program with your help.

About the MSU Evaluation Team:

Our Strong Beginnings evaluation team includes faculty and student researchers who have experience teaching and assessing young children. All of our student researchers have experience working in our MSU Child Development Laboratories under the supervision of Master teachers and have been trained to assess young children in person and remotely. All of our assessment procedures have been reviewed and approved by the MSU Institutional Review Board.

COVID-19 Care:

To keep your family safe, our team will use technology to connect remotely with you and your child. Surveys will be gathered via online survey systems and child assessment will be conducted over Zoom using tablets provided by the team. Your health and the health of your child are our top priorities.

How Will I Participate?

As the family of a child who applied to participate in Strong Beginnings we want to understand more about your family and the types of activities you enjoy at home. Also, we want to hear your feedback about the program. As a parent/legal guardian of your child, we need your permission to talk with and assess your child. We would like for you to participate whether or not you are accepted into Strong Beginnings. Families who agree to help with our evaluation will:

- Electronically sign a consent form from MSU saying you and your child can participate in our study,
 - https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV 7QzGjBi4eUr9Lud
- Complete surveys electronically about your family background, the
 activities you and your child do at home, and about your participation in
 the program (if enrolled), and
- Receive a \$20 gift card to compensate you each time you complete a survey.

How Will My Child Participate?

We use game-like assessments to learn about your child's social, emotional, language, and academic skills. We will use a remote assessment to protect your child's health while they participate with us. If your child is enrolled in Strong



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Beginnings, we will gather assessments your child's teacher completes as part of their typical work with children. Children participating in our evaluation will:

- Play game-like assessments one-on-one with well-trained researchers from MSU using a tablet and Zoom technology,
- Receive a children's book.

Key benefits of participation include:

- No cost to participate for families
- One-on-one assessment with trained MSU researcher
- Children receive a children's book
- Families receive gift cards to thank them for their participation
- Helping to provide evidence of the impact of the Strong Beginnings program!

Thank you for considering the opportunity to participate in our evaluation of the Strong Beginnings program.

Sincerely,

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BERRIEN COUNTY STRONG BEGINNINGS APPLICATION 2020-2021

By completing an application this doesn't automatically enroll you into SB. All applications/enrollments are pending per review of qualifications. All final notifications will come from teachers/sites prior to the start.

PROGRAM PRI	EFERENCE							
□Benton Harbor (Charter □The Children's	s Center/Niles						
CHILD INFORM	IATION							
Child's Legal Na	ame:			Date of Birth	ı: <i>//</i>			
_		Middle Name			mm dd yyyy			
Gender: □Male	□Female							
Ethnicity: Hispa	anic or Latino □Yes □	No						
Race: American	□African American or □Native Hawaiian or □				ispanic or more races			
Address		C	ity	Zip	County			
Phone Number:		School Di	strict of Reside	ence:				
FAMILY INFOR	MATION							
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Name 2.	Street Address	City	Stat	e Phone Number	Relationship to child			
Name	Street Address	City	State	Phone Number	Relationship to child			

RISK FACTORS (Please mark all that apply)	
01: Income: Annual Gross Income: \$	# in your household
02: Diagnosed disability or identified developmental delay □My Child has been referred or diagnosed with a □My Child has an IEP (IEP will need to be provided)	
03: Severe or challenging behavior □My child has been excluded/expelled from other □My child has social services or medical referrals □Other:	
04: Primary and/or home language other than English □ Primary and/or home language is other than Eng	glish
05: Parent/Guardian with low educational attainment □One or both parents have no High School diplor	na or GED Certificate
06: Abuse/Neglect of the child or parent □There has been abuse/neglect for the child or pa	arent
□Lack of adequate accommodations: Liv designed for regular sleeping) or accoludes a contract of the contract	ed my child pelow) rs due to loss of housing, economic hardship, etc. ring in a motel, hotel, car, park, campground (public or private place not mmodations are inadequate (water, heat, space, etc) ncy transitional shelters/housing months from the date of placement) r circumstances listed above comeless situations I understand I qualify for McKinney Vento Services and
will be referred onto the District 08: None My child has none of the risk factors listed above	
09: Other: Child's Developmental Delays □I'm worried my child is delayed/behind on develo □My child has been enrolled in: □Early On □Pa	
10: Other: Do you have any other concerns about your ch	ild
Parent/Guardian Signature	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY FOR POWERSCHOOL STAFF: Teacher:Start Date:End Date	
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Qualifying factors □ A Homeless (these families are Quintile 01: 0-50%) □ B Foster Care (these families are Quintile 01: 0-50%) □ C Qualifying IEP (these families are Quintile 01: 0-50%) □ D None	Application Prioritization Rank# Quintile: #of Risk Factors: Family qualifies for HS: approved to be served in GSRP



2020-2021 Income/Age/Resident/IEP Verification Form

Berrien County Strong Beginnings Program

Child's Name: Parent(s) Name:							
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Income Source Verification	Amount R		1				
Documentation provided	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Biweekly			
Income tax Form 1040							
W-2							
TANF documentation							
Pay Stub or Pay Envelopes							
Unemployment							
Written statement from employer(s)							
Foster Care Reimbursement							
SSI documentation							
Child Support							
Alimony							
Pension(s)							
Other							
Documentation of no income							
I verify that I have provided true and accurate documen	tation as indic	cated above					
Parent/Guardian Signature Date of Ver	rification						
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY							
 I verify that I have reviewed the following documentation with the families: Proof of Age: Such as a Birth Certificate, passport, immigration record or baptismal certificate Proof of Income: Such as work earnings (W-2, tax return, or check stubs), child support, unemployment, SSI, cash assistance and any other proof of income. Proof of Residency: Such as driver's license, rent receipt, utility bill, letter from shelter or host if between homes. If a child has an IEP (Individual Education Plan) copy has been reviewed 							
Strong Beginnings Staff Signature	Date of Ve	erification					





Photo Release Form for Strong Beginnings Students

☐I give permission for my son/daughter photo/image to be used. Please complete the form be	elow
☐I do not give permission for my son/ daughter photo/image to be used. However, please confidence of Guardian's name and Minor's name sections as well as sign and date the form.	mplete the
, give the Strong Beginnings school/site, Berrien affiliated programs permission to use the photo/image/video of the minor named below and grams beginnings school/site and Berrien RESA all rights to use these photo/image/video in a educational, promotional, advertising or other purposes that support the mission of the District rights to the photo/image/video belong to Strong Beginnings/Berrien RESA.	rant the Strong ny medium for
Guardian's Name:	
Minor's Name:	
Parent/Guardian's Signature:	
Date:	
Address:	_
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Email:	



PERMISSION FORM FOR OUTSIDE SCREENING/SERVICES

Child's Name	School/Site	
Ireceive the followi	(parent/guardian name) give permission foring services outside of the Strong Beginnings classroom.	(child's name) to
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Yes, I give per	of the responses listed below and sign and date the form in rmission for the screening (s) and/or service (s) we permission for the screening (s) and/or service (s)	the space provided:
Parent/Guardian	Signature Date	



Strong Beginnings Underage Consideration

****Only complete if your child will turn 3 after September 1 - December 1****

Strong Beginnings Underage Eligibility Consideration-Special Circumstances for Children turning 3 **after** September 1st - December 1st.

I understand that a child who turns 3 years old **after** September 1st - December 1st can be considered for enrollment in the Free Preschool in Berrien County by requesting this Special Consideration.

I also understand that the intention of the Strong Beginnings Preschool program is to provide 2 years support before a child enters kindergarten, therefore I am requesting that eligibility for enrollment into a Strong Beginnings program be considered for my child because I plan to request early entry into kindergarten in two years.

	and	
Child's full name	Date of Birth	
Parent Signature	 Date	

HEALTH APPRAISAL

Dear Parent or Guardian: The following information is requested so that the school can work with the parent to meet the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of the child. Fill out the information requested in Section II. Section III may be certified by the transcription of information from the certificate of immunization. The remaining sections are to be completed by a doctor, nurse and dentist. (BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORDS TO THE EXAMINATION.)

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VACCINES (Circle Type)	DAT	E ADMINISTERED MM/DD/YYYY	VACCINES (Circle Type)	DATE ADMINISTERED MM/DD/YYYY				
Hepatitis B	1	3	Hepatitis A (HepA)	1	2			
(HepB)	2		Influenza (IIV/LAIV)	1	3			
	1	4	Influenza (IIV/LAIV)	2	4			
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	2	5	Meningococcal (MCV4 / MPSV4)	1	2			
	3	6	Human Papillomavirus	1	3			
Tdap	1		(HPV9/HPV4/HPV2)	2				
Haemophilus Influenzae	1	3		Type of Vaccine(s)	Date of Vaccine(s)			
type b (HIB)	2	4	OTHER Vaccines	1				
Polio	1	3	Specify Date & Type	2				
(IPV/OPV)	2	4		3				
Pneumococcal Conjugate	1	3	Indicate and attach physician diagnosis	or laboratory evidence of	immunity as applicable			
(PCV7/PCV13)	2	4	*NOTE: According to Public Act 368 of 1	1978, any child enrolling i	n a Michigan school for			
Rotavirus (RV1/RV5)	1	3	the first time must be adequately	y immunized, vision teste	d and hearing tested.			
	2		Exemptions to these requiremer objections, provided that the wa					
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1	2	delivered to school administrato	ors. Forms for these exem	ptions are available			
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1	2	at your provider office for medical department for nonmedical waiv		gh your local health			
History of Chickenpox Disease? ☐ Yes	□ No If yes, da	ate:	Parent/Guardian refused immunizations:					
I certify that the immunization dates are tr	Professional's S	• O(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	Title		/ / Date			
Should the child's activity be res If yes, check and explain degree	tricted because of a	(Required for Child Cardion for which the school could have any physical defect or illness?	RECOMMENDATIONS e and Head Start/Early Head Start) nelp by seating or other actions? If yes, please explain d Gymnasium Swimming Pool Compet					
Other Recommendations								
	SECTION V	- DENTAL EXAMINATION	ON AND RECOMMENDATIONS (OPTI	ONAL)				
I have examinedch	ild's name	's teet	th. As a result of this examination, my recommendation	on for treatment is:				
<u> </u>	Dentist's Sign	ature		/ / / Date				
		PHYSICI	AN'S SIGNATURE					
Examiner's Signatu	ıre	/ / Date	Examiner's Name (Prin	t or Type)	Degree or License			
Number & Stree	et		City MI	P Code (Telephone			

Information required for:

Early On - Hearing and Vision Status; Diagnosis; Health Status

Child Care Licensing - Physical Exam, Restrictions, Immunizations

Head Start/Early Head Start - Determination that child is up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, including medical, dental, and mental health. The schedule must incorporate the well-child care visit required by EPSDT and the latest immunizations schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State, tribal, and local authorities. An EPSDT well-child exam includes height, weight, and blood tests for anemia at regular intervals based on age.

Developed in Cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Education, Michigan American Association of Pediatrics, Early Childhood Investment Corporation, Child Care Licensing, Head Start, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons.

CHILD INFORMATION RECORD

State of Michigan - Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Child Care Licensing

Instructions: Unless otherwise indicated, all requested information must be provided. If the information is not known or does not apply, "unknown" or "none" is the required response. A blank field, a line through a field or "N/A" are not acceptable responses.

For Provider Use Only:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Date of Admis	sion	Date of I	Discharge				
Name of Child ((Last, First, Middle Ini	itial)						Child's	Date of Birth
Address (Numb	er and Street, Buildir	ng/Apartment	Number)		City	St	tate	Zip Co	de
Parent/Legal Gu	uardian's Name		Home Phone		Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (Optional)			Home I	Phone
Home Address	ome Address (if not child's address)		Cell Phone		Home Address ((if not child's address	s)	Cell Ph (none)
City		State	Zip Code		City	St	tate	Zip Co	de
Email Address ((optional)				Email Address	-			
Employer Name	÷		Work Phone		Employer Name	i		Work F (hone)
Name of Child's	s Physician or Health	Clinic			Physician's or H	lealth Clinic's Phone	Number		
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Allergies, Specia	ial Needs and Specia	I Instructions	(Attach additional	al sheets	, if necessary.)				
BCAL-3731 (Rev. 7-	-18) Previous edition 6-17 r	may be used.							See Reverse Side
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