

Portage County FORWARD:

Early Learning & Care Coalition



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Improving child care infrastructure is a community issue needing collective action.

The Portage County FORWARD Coalition is a unique, collaborative effort among local leaders, businesses, educators, and families to address our specific needs.

By supporting this initiative, you're joining a grassroots movement to create sustainable, locally influenced child care solutions.

Together, we can secure a brighter, more equitable future for families and the local economy.

Transformative Change

This Early Learning & Care Coalition tackles the critical need for affordable, high-quality child care—essential for both families and the economy.

Supporting Workforce Participation

Affordable child care enables parents, especially women, to engage in the workforce, reducing absenteeism and boosting economic stability. Investing in child care strengthens local businesses and empowers a more productive community.

Nurturing Early Development

Quality child care enhances cognitive and social growth. Your contribution will help provide enriching environments for children in Portage County, building a foundation for future leaders.

Bridging the Gap

Portage County faces a shortage of licensed providers, especially in underserved areas. With your help, we can expand services and resources to address this “child care desert.”

Economic Impact

Every dollar invested in child care boosts economic benefits through workforce participation and childhood development, which contribute to future earning potential.

Why Now?

The child care crisis has reached a tipping point. Your support can accelerate solutions, serving as a model for other communities. Private donors and foundations that support this initiative are contributing to the long-term economic health of Portage County by ensuring families have the support they need to thrive both professionally and personally.

Actions to explore:

- Consider childcare initiatives as you determine where and how your resources will make a difference in our community.
- Collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations to drive maximum impact in distributing dollars.
- Become a member of Portage County FORWARD: Early Learning and Care Coalition.

Get involved today!

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