

Oakland Family Services is recognized for its expertise in helping prepare children to succeed in school

The Great Start Collaborative – Oakland (GSC-O), a partner of the State of Michigan’s Early Childhood Investment Corporation, has named Oakland Family Services as their **Spring 2010 Children’s Champion**. The GSC-O recognizes the many programs that Oakland Family Services programs offers to the community that help children enter school ready to learn. These programs include Early On, providing assessments and service coordination for children, birth to three years old with developmental delays, and their families; our Dynamic Dad’s program offering parenting support and education; Lekotek, a specialized developmental toy lending library; and the Children’s Learning Center, offering quality early childhood education.



Oakland Family Services’ expertise in early childhood education has been further recognized by both the GSC-O and the United Way for Southeastern Michigan. Oakland Family Services was selected to serve as the North Oakland County Early Learning Community Hub. The majority of a child’s development occurs before entering school, which means he or she must be exposed to educational opportunities from birth. Studies have shown that children who cannot read by the first grade will spend the rest of their life catching up. As the North Oakland Early Learning Community Hub, our staff will provide neighborhood-based training and mentoring in early childhood education to parents and caregivers. This training will enable them to provide educational experiences to young children that will help to ensure the children enter school ready to succeed. Oakland Family Services will also host a resource center for parents and caregivers, including a lending library with educational materials that can be used in the home.