

## EARLY CHILDHOOD COORDINATING COUNCIL

## **Early Childhood Coordinating Council Top Two Priorities 2016-2017**

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The Early Childhood Coordinating Council (ECCC) monitors, advocates, and makes policy recommendations for the development of a comprehensive, coordinated system of early care and education that supports school readiness, provides support for state and local initiatives.

ECCC Priorities for 2016-2017 will also be informed by the Strategic Plan for Early Care and Education being released later this year.

Building a seamless system of care from birth to age eight in Montgomery County requires improved communication and connections within the entire early childhood system and requires aligned resources for families and young children.

- 1.) Create a Birth-3<sup>rd</sup> grade system of early childhood education via a dialogue between Birth-5 and K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade professionals that also includes improved communication with parents
- 2.) Align resources to maximize support to families provided by programs and services