



## Early Childhood Coordinating Council

### Priorities for 2017-2018

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The Early Childhood Coordinating Council (ECCC) monitors, advocates, and makes policy recommendations for the development of a comprehensive system of early care and education in Montgomery County that supports children entering school ready to learn.

Building a seamless system of early care and education from birth through age eight in requires improved connections within the entire system and requires aligned resources across the system. The ECCC supports collaboration and coordination among agencies and organizations serving young children and their families at both the state and local level.

The ECCC Priorities for 2017-18 are informed by the Strategic Plan for Early Care and Education that was published December 2016.

**Priority 1:** Facilitate communication among the public schools, families, and the early care and education community to support an aligned birth through age five system in which all children have access to high quality learning experiences.

**Priority 2:** Starting with Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan, examine existing resources and identify gaps related to building a ready workforce to provide programs and services in Montgomery County to families with young children.