

"THE FISHERMEN FAMILY CONNECTION" NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Governance Training November 12

If you are on our Policy Council or interested in becoming a member please join us for this training. Call or text Ms. Jones for more information at (313)236-2845



Thanksgiving Food Distribution November 24

Higher Hopes will be hosting a Thanksgiving food distribution, if you are interested please connect with your Family Advocate for more details.

*Together,
We make a
Difference*

We value your voice!
Please share your feedback so we can continue improving our program for you and your family!

[Parent Feedback Survey](#)

REMINDERS

Health Screenings

If your child's well-baby exam or physical has not yet been turned in, please submit it to your center as soon as possible. Regular check-ups help us ensure that every child is healthy, growing, and ready to learn!



Join Policy Council

We are looking for parents who would like to make a difference! Joining our Policy Council is a wonderful way to meet other families, share your ideas, and build leadership skills. If you're interested, please call or text Ms. Jones at (313)236-2845 to learn more. We will be hosting a training on Program Governance and Dinner will be provided.

Family Support & Resources

Each year, our Family Advocates partner with you to connect your family with helpful community resources. Please take a few minutes to complete your Family Outcomes Questionnaire and talk with your Family Advocate about any needs or supports you'd like to explore.

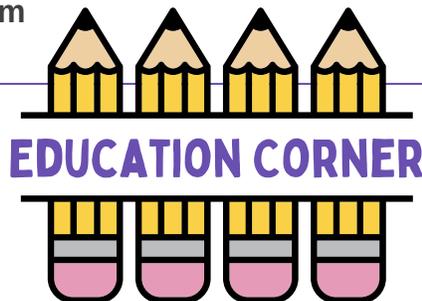
A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

As we celebrate this season of thankfulness, our hearts are full of gratitude for each of our families and children. Every day, your little ones bring joy, curiosity, and laughter to classrooms, and your support helps make our program feel like one big family.

This Thanksgiving, we're thankful for you, for the love, trust, and partnership you share with us. We wish you a warm and joyful holiday filled with peace, smiles, and togetherness.
With appreciation,



 **The Order of the Fishermen
Head Start Team**



EDUCATION CORNER

We are currently in Child Observation Record (COR) Period 1 (Sept. 8- Nov. 28, 2025). COR is a child assessment tool often used in Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start programs. It helps teachers observe, document, and track each child's development through everyday classroom interactions, not through tests.

 *thank you*

Thank you so much for participating in Curriculum Night throughout October 2025. You made the event a major success! Remember, you can continue to bring the HighScope curriculum into your home by completing the monthly Infant/Toddler Family Activity Calendar with your child. Once completed, submit it to your child's teacher to receive in-kind recognition.



HEALTH, SAFETY & NUTRITION HIGHLIGHTS

Seeing and Hearing Our Best

Our Health Specialist has been busy visiting centers to complete vision and hearing screenings for our children. If your child was present during the visit, you should have already received their screening results.

We check vision and hearing because these senses play a big role in your child's learning and development. When children can see and hear clearly, they can better explore, communicate, and participate in activities. Early detection helps us identify any concerns before they affect your child's growth or school readiness.

Remember, during your child's regular wellness visit, their doctor will also check their vision and hearing. Keeping up with both the program and medical screenings ensures your child stays healthy and ready to learn!



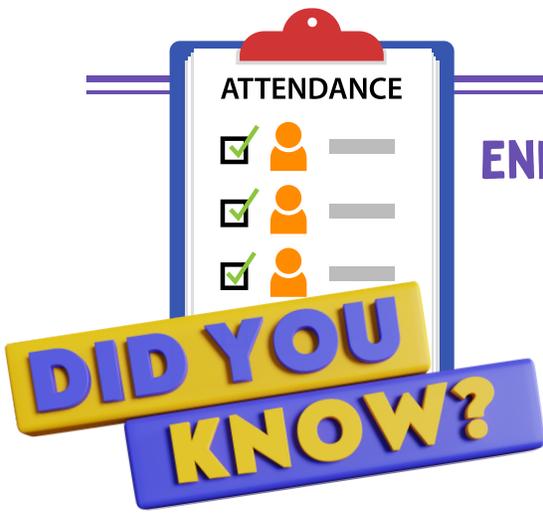
Community Resource Spotlight: Food Support During the Government Shutdown

We know that the recent government shutdown has caused unexpected challenges for many families—especially when it comes to keeping food on the table. If your household is feeling the impact, please know you are not alone and support is available.

Here are some local resources to check out:

- **Michigan 2-1-1:** Call 2-1-1 or visit www.mi211.org to find nearby food pantries and meal programs.
- **Gleaners Community Food Bank:** Visit www.gcfb.org for mobile food distributions and pantry locations across Metro Detroit.
- **Forgotten Harvest:** Go to www.forgottenharvest.org for daily food distribution schedules.
- **WIC & SNAP:** If you receive benefits, continue to check your account balance regularly and reach out to your caseworker with any questions about updates during the shutdown.

Our Family Advocates can also help connect you with additional food, diaper, and utility resources. Please don't hesitate to reach out—we're here to support you.



ENROLLMENT & ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters! Every Day Counts!

- Children who attend regularly build stronger routines and friendships.
- Missing just 2 days a month adds up to over 20 days a year — nearly a month of learning missed!
- Good attendance in Early Head Start helps your child reach milestones faster and builds lifelong learning habits.
- Every day counts for language, social, and problem-solving skills.
- Families who communicate with their center when their child is absent help us connect you with support if needed.



When your child comes to school every day:

- They feel safe, confident, and ready to learn.
- Teachers can create steady, nurturing routines.
- Families stay engaged and connected to our program.

Early attendance = early SUCCEs

Together, we can make every day a day of learning, love, and growth.

Our **John Evans Montessori Academy** site had the highest center attendance for the month of September with **90.88%**

