Opportunities Exchange

BATTLE CREEK SHARED SERVICES

Battle Creek, MI

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

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DATE PROGRAM/ ALLIANCE BEGAN

Alliance was launched in January, 2017

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA

Battle Creek and Calhoun Co., Michigan

POPULATION SERVED

We serve approximately 250 children through four centers, 3 in Battle Creek and 1 in Marshall

SUMMARY OF APPROACH

The Alliance was founded in January 2017 with 3 non-profit early care & education centers that primarily served low-income children. As of March 2022, there are 4 member centers representing approximately 250 children and 75 employees. An MOU guides our work together. Our mission is to systematically improve centers' operational efficiencies, financial stability and the quality of early care & education for Calhoun County's youngest residents. We hope to grow but are focused on quality first.

TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM(S) USED BY THE ALLIANCE

- Alliance CORE by Early Learning Ventures; LegUp; DECA; Dominion

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Group Purchasing of goods and services
- Administrative Support
- Enrollment
- Teacher coaching
- Accreditation/licensing/quality rating improvement supports
- Billing/fee collection
- Training
- Child and Classroom Assessment

FUNDING

Funding source for Alliance startup: Funding for the Alliance comes from The W. K. Kellogg Foundation, the Binda Foundation, and the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

Funding source for ongoing Alliance implementation: Grants

Do Alliance members pay fees for services received? Yes
Do membership fees cover Hub cost of services? No

IMPACT

Measureable impact included the amount of funding centers received with TA from the Alliance; four days of PD; coaching for the teachers; use of the e-DECA; leadership support for directors; new enrollment platform; continued billing support.