



Early Investment Childhood Corporation Budget Toolkit

Federal budget negotiations have resulted in delays that will impact Michigan's youngest residents. As such, your support in amplifying the risks that the budget delay poses is vital in educating lawmakers about the impacts.

Below are social media and newsletter templates you can use with your networks to raise awareness.

Social Media Posts

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📢 In recent years, Michigan has made big strides in early childhood. However, that progress is at risk as the federal government struggles to pass a complete budget. 👉 Tell federal lawmakers today: protect recent early childhood gains. Visit www.ecic4kids.org/action-center.	
📢 Michigan is facing an early childhood crisis. The lack of a FY26 federal budget threatens to undo every stride that has been made. Without urgent action, families' access to stable child care is at risk, providers will be forced to close their doors, and parents will be forced out of the workforce. We can't afford to go backwards. Tell your lawmakers today: Pass a budget and protect our youngest residents! Visit www.ecic4kids.org/action-center.	

Newsletter Blurb

Headline: ACT NOW: How recent government actions threaten Michigan families, providers, and economy

Michigan has made significant progress in strengthening early childhood systems and expanding access to quality, affordable child care. But the recent actions at the state and federal levels threaten to stall or even reverse all that progress. Michigan's state budget bills have been signed into law, but in Washington, D.C., the federal government has officially shut down after failing to pass a budget for fiscal year 2026.

Every dollar invested in quality early childhood programs generates a [return on investment of up to 13%](#) by increasing school readiness, boosting high school graduation rates, and ultimately reducing poverty rates.

Decisions made in the coming days will directly impact families with young children and essential early childhood providers across our state, putting Michigan families *and* our economy at risk. This is in addition to the harm already being caused by not having a budget in place, forcing our early childhood network to prepare for a worst-case scenario.

Join us and tell your elected officials today: Michigan can't afford to go backwards.

Please take a moment to contact your lawmakers and urge them to protect Michigan's early childhood investments and safeguard the progress that has been made for children, families, and our state's economic stability. Visit www.ecic4kids.org/action-center.

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