



**Cheboygan Otsego Presque Isle Educational Service District (COPESD)**  
**Early Childhood Collaborative**  
**Advisory Council**

**The Purpose of the COPESD Early Childhood Advisory Council is to Advise and Partner:**

**Advise:** Members of this committee provide insight and input to strengthen the Early Childhood services at COPESD and area agencies to maximize benefits for children and families. This council is the advisor committee for Great Start Collaborative, Great Start Readiness Program, Early On/Local Interagency Coordinating Council, Tapestry, Parents as Teachers and Head Start Health Advisory.

**Partner:** Members of this committee work toward ways to strengthen current partnerships between the COPESD Early Childhood programs and its stakeholders. Members of this committee make recruiting new members to this group a priority.

**You can earn up to \$500 per year.**

We will compensate EACH Parent Representative \$75 per meeting they attend, up to 5 meetings per year for a total of up to \$375 annually. A bonus of \$125 will be made to all parents who have 100% attendance each school year. There may be additional opportunities for Parent Representatives if workgroup meetings occur outside the GSC meeting.

**The COPESD Early Childhood Advisory Council Parent Representative's role is to:**

- Attend meetings 4 times a year for 2 hours each meeting. Meetings are currently held at the COPESD office at 6065 Learning Lane, Indian River, MI 49749.
- Be able to commit to attending at least 75% of the meetings and complete at least a 1 year term.
- Be able to communicate with committee chair and members through email.
- Participate in subcommittee meetings which are typically during the GSC meetings, although some may occur outside of the GSC meeting.
- Bring your valuable perspective as a parent and community member to the advisory council.
- Share your experiences, ideas, and voice in ways that will help the Early Childhood Programs in the COPESD area provide the highest quality services to children and families.
- Represent COPESD's Early Childhood Advisory Council in your local community by providing information about your role and COPESD Early Childhood Programs to the parents and professionals in your community network.
- A total of between 4 representative positions will be available per fiscal year.

**What Qualifications do you need?**

- You are expecting or parenting at least 1 child who is currently eight years old or younger.
- You have participated in at least one of the following programs within the last 8 years:
  - Parents as Teachers
  - Tapestry
  - Early On
  - Great Start Collaborative/Family Coalition
  - Community Playgroups
  - Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
  - Special Education and/or Build Up Michigan

**To [APPLY HERE](#) to be a PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**