Greetings!

On behalf of Alcoa Howmet, let me congratulate the parents and organizers of the Great Start Collaborative of Muskegon County for highlighting the critical importance of our children’s earliest years.

Never does a child’s brain develop at a rate exceeding that of the first five years of life, and never again will we adults have a chance to make such a profound influence on a child’s life. Well-respected research on early brain development proves in no uncertain terms that these early years represent a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity our community cannot afford to ignore.

The collective goal of the Great Start Collaborative is to help create a bright and prosperous future for all of our community’s children. With caring, nurturing, and supportive parents at the helm of this effort, I have no doubt Muskegon County’s youngest children have an incredible future waiting for them!

Sincerely,

Amy Heisser
Director, Human Resources
Alcoa Howmet
Pediatric & Family Health

High-quality physical and child development services, including referrals for children with developmental concerns

Hackley Community Care Center ........................................(231) 737-1335
www.hcc-health.org 2700 Baker, Muskegon, MI 49444
Medical Home including pediatrics, obstetrics, dental, pharmacy, Maternal and Infant Health Program, Behavioral Health, Postpartum Depression Counseling and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Muskegon Family Care Center ......................................(231) 739-9315
www.mfc-health.org 2201 S. Getty, Muskegon MI 49444
Medical Home including pediatrics, obstetrics, Centering Pregnancy, dental, pharmacy, Maternal and Infant Health Program, Behavioral Health

Muskegon Community Health Project ................................(231) 672-3201
www.mchp.org Health insurance for children—MIChild/Healthy Kids Outreach and Enrollment; Pregnancy Pathways Program

Early On .........................................................(231) 767-7253
www.muskegonisd.org/academicservices/earlychildhood/earlyon/ Assessment of infants and toddlers for developmental delays or established conditions that may lead to delays; services to meet developmental needs of infants and toddlers

ARC ..................................................(231) 777-2006
www.arcmuskegon.org Advocacy for children with cognitive and developmental disabilities and their families

WIC—Women, Infants and Children ..........................(231) 724-1281
www.muskegonhealth.net/programs/health/wic.htm 209 E. Apple, Muskegon MI 49442 Supplemental nutrition program for pregnant women and children 0 to 5 years old, nutrition education, breastfeeding support

MSU Extension Program .....................................(231) 724-6361
www.msue.msu.edu/portal/ 97 E. Apple, Muskegon, MI 49442 Nutrition education

Infant See Program ........................................(888) 396-3937
www.infantsee.org Comprehensive infant eye assessment provided free in the first year of life Promotes eye and vision care to improve a child’s quality of life

Childhood Immunizations ..................................(231) 724-1220
www.muskegonhealth.net/programs/health/immunizations.htm#services Preventing childhood illness is important! Free immunizations for eligible children

Planned Parenthood of Muskegon ..........................(231) 724-4115
www.ppvwm.org 209 E. Apple, Muskegon, MI 49442 Provides reproductive, sexual health and education services, as well as access to affordable services that help clients plan their families, prevent disease, and make responsible decisions about their sexual health.

Social Emotional Health

Specialized child development and mental health services that promote the social-emotional well-being of all young children

Community Mental Health of Muskegon ......................(231) 720-3200
www.co.muskegon.mi.us/cmhs 376 E. Apple, Muskegon, MI 49442 Infant mental health, wrap-around services for children with disabilities, parent management, child care expulsion prevention, individual and group therapy

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www.hcc-health.org 2700 Baker, Muskegon, MI 49444 Behavioral Health Center

Life Counseling—Mercy Health ..............................(231) 726-3582
www.mercyhealthmusk.org/mental-health-services 1700 Clinton St., Muskegon, MI 49442 Life Counseling Services, postpartum depression, parent-child challenges

Muskegon Family Care Center ..............................(231) 739-9315
www.mfc-health.org Behavioral Health Services

Parenting Leadership

Excellent support for parents in the critical role they play in their children’s overall development

Prenatal Class
Mercy Health .............................................(231) 727-5295
Prenatal Breastfeeding Class
Mercy Health .............................................(231) 727-5295
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Hackley Community Care ..................................(231) 733-6624
Home Visitation and Support
Early Head Start .........................................(231) 767-7288
Healthy Families ............................................(231) 726-4735
Maternal and Infant Health Programs
Hackley Community Care .................................(231) 733-6677
Muskegon Family Care ..................................(231) 737-1760
Parenting Classes
Love INC ...................................................(231) 777-3905
Teen Parenting
Catholic Charities of West Michigan ......................(231) 726-4735
Muskegon Pregnancy Services ...........................(231) 726-2677
Every Woman’s Place ....................................(231) 759-7909

Child Care

High-quality early care and educational services for children that prepare them to succeed in school

Head Start of Muskegon/Oceana ...........................(231) 767-8300

Michigan Great Start Readiness Program ...............(231) 767-8300
www.michigangreatstart.org Great Start to Quality 4-year-old children.

Other Programs

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www.michigangreatstart.org

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www.everywomansplace.org

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