

ECDC



MISSISSIPPI EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What does the ECDC do?

A: The ECDC provides a space for all members of Mississippi's early childhood system to build relationships and work together. The focus of the ECDC is consolidating existing resources to increase people's awareness and use of them. When gaps in existing resources are identified, the ECDC provides a platform for our broad group of members to discuss potential ways to address these gaps.

Q: How is the ECDC different from other early childhood groups in the state?

A: The ECDC is a statewide, grassroots coalition. Membership is free and open to anyone who cares about Mississippi's early childhood system. The work is member-driven and results in shifting knowledge and practices at organizational, community, and state levels. Policy work is non-partisan and focuses on education rather than advocacy or lobbying.

Q: How does the ECDC work with other coalitions in the state?

A: The ECDC includes members from various other early childhood groups. The coalition uplifts these groups' work and coordinates on efforts when missions align, such as utilizing shared messaging from the Mississippi Forum For the Future's early intervention talking points at Capitol Day and presenting at the Excel by 5 Summit.

Q: Why should I join the ECDC?

A: The ECDC can help you make connections and share resources to bring about change in everyday practices that shape Mississippi's early childhood system. Even if you don't become a member, you can reach out to us with any early childhood-related questions.