

What are members saying about the ECDC?

“ I feel accepted and like my voice makes a difference. ”

“ I have made connections with other early childhood providers and families outside of my immediate network. This has been so valuable to me. ”

“ It really gives insight on the resources that are available for me and families like mine...and also to help me be able to inform other families like mine. ”

“ Just as I contribute, I also value receiving important information and resources that help build ECDC as a whole. Through this exchange, I apply what I've learned to support children's growth and development, and to help families feel safe, empowered, and cared for as we work to improve their lives and overall well-being. ”

“ ECDC is a true cross-section of stakeholders, giving me the chance to gain multiple perspectives through my interactions as a member. ”

“ The wealth of information is awesome and remains vital in my day-to-day operations. ”

“ I find this membership to be extremely valuable to my profession. I work closely with Early Childhood Education Centers and the mission of this coalition aligns with my work in increasing the health of Mississippi beginning in childhood. ”

“ Because early childhood development lays the foundation for K-12 academic success, learning more about the early childhood profession, policies, and practice is very helpful in our work with K-12 families. ”

“ The words "share" and "together" are essential to the mission statement and a major reason why I joined. The State of Mississippi works best when its people work together, so a team dedicated to bridging the gap between families & early childhood professionals is an excellent idea...I love learning from and about other Mississippians. We're all in this together, so we may as well work together to share what we know! ”



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Resources Members Learned About from the ECDC:

- advocacy training
- information on policy impact
- family supports
- Risk & Reach report
- Tucker the Turtle
- K readiness working group resources (such as screen time guidelines)
- Investing in Our Future publication
- how to find my legislators online

Connections Members Made through the ECDC:

- We have been able to connect with childcare providers to conduct screenings.
- All of the different groups – the networking is great.
- Others in the early childhood space who support the work of supporting children and families
- I have connected with Resource & Referral Centers.
- The ECDC has helped me deepen many connections I already had as well as make new ones with other early childhood providers.
- I connected with Springboard to Opportunities.
- I have made connections with other early childhood providers and families outside of my immediate network. This has been so valuable to me.
- I connected with Help Me Grow & the Mississippi Children's Museum.

Policies Members Learned About from the ECDC:

- The tracking from the different organizations and the differing expertise has been great.
- I learned about child care subsidy availability.
- Information from the Forum for the Future has been very helpful in consolidating and summarizing current bills that impact children
- I have learned about current legislative bills.

Actions Taken As a Result of Being an ECDC Member:

- We have been able to build connections to enhance our resource database as well as develop partnerships to serve more children across the state.
- I learn about something new at every meeting that I can share or use in my practice.
- I now write my legislators.
- I have worked on messaging within my own network to help share resources about screen time and developmental milestones. This is information I learned from our K readiness working group.
- I have shared many of the resources with an early childhood graduate course I teach. These resources helped me improve my course content and provide the students with some current local level info.
- I have shared more resources with families.
- I am more curious and open-minded about what others are doing in regard to working with young children in MS.
- I referred a family to Families as Allies.