

# Our History

**1993**- the Massachusetts Department of Education introduced the Community Partnership for Children (CPC) grant program to support local communities in their efforts to develop comprehensive programs and services for children ages 3-5. In Framingham, the program was known as Framingham Family Central.

**2001**- funding was received to implement the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP), a nationally recognized early literacy home visitation program.

**2005** -the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) was established and the CPC program became the responsibility of the new agency.

**2009**-EEC launched a consolidation effort bringing former CPC early childhood programs, services and funding streams together to rename the program the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Grant (CFCE). The Framingham CFCE, under the auspices of the Framingham Public Schools, launched an initiative in collaboration with community partners, early childhood educators and families to identify and respond to the needs of the early childhood community under the newly formed Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham (ECAF).

**2014**- the CFCE expanded to Ashland. ECAF is now known as Early Childhood Alliance of



## Thank you to all of our Partners!

Special thanks to our collaborating partners that include: the Framingham Public Schools, early childhood program providers and educators, community agencies, advocacy organizations and families.

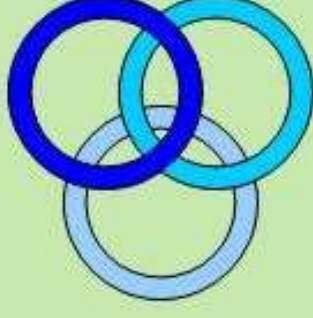
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# EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE



Uniting for young children...  
the heart of our community

Framingham, MA

The Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham is a Coordinated Family and Community Engagement program funded by a grant through the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, administered by the Framingham Public Schools.

## Vision & Mission

**Our Vision** is a welcoming community for families and professionals that provides comprehensive resources and support for the healthy growth and development of our children.

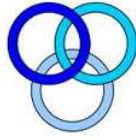
**The Mission of the Early Childhood Alliance of Framingham (ECAAF)** is dedicated to promoting and supporting the healthy growth and development of young children from prenatal through age eight by strengthening families and advocating for high quality learning experiences.

**The Alliance** fulfills its mission by ensuring access to:

- early learning experiences for children prenatal through age 8
- school readiness activities
- transition supports from home to school, early intervention, preschool, kindergarten, special education, and out-of-school time
- early childhood resources and information
- family support and education
- professional development for early childhood educators
- community advocacy of early childhood issues
- Leadership opportunities

## What we do...

- § Provide a point of entry to **Resources and Services** to help families identify Early Childhood Programs and Community Supports
- § Sponsors signature early literacy **“Play, Learn, and Grow Together”** groups
- § Ensure quality Early Childhood Education through **Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators**
- § Collaborate with the **Family Support and Education Programs** such as Home Visiting and Supportive Services
- § Offer home visitation through the **Parent Child Home Program (PCHP)**
- § Direct **Kindergarten and Special Education Transition Activities** in collaboration with the Parent Information Center
- § Have a **Resource Center with Internet Access**
- § Promote **Community Advocacy Efforts** that are responsive to the current needs of children prenatal through age 8
- § Work with the Community to sponsor **Early Childhood Enrichment Activities**
- § Establish **Cross Community Partnerships** to support the Early Childhood Community



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## About our Programs

**Parent Child Home Program (PCHP)** is a nationally recognized early literacy program, provides home visits to teach early literacy activities to families with young children ages 18 months to 3 years old.

**Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Program** Sponsors signature early literacy “Play, Learn, and Grow Together” groups for family education & support, resource & referral, school readiness & transition activities for families with young children prenatal to 8 years.

**Provider and Educator Support Services** offers access to early childhood directors and educators opportunities so they can receive, share & exchange information through a variety of means such as: a Directors’ Collaborative, e-mail & peer to peer support networks, guest speakers, and ongoing communication providing linkages to community, regional, and statewide resources.

**Early Childhood Alliance** works in conjunction with the above programs as well as a dedicated council to advocate on behalf of the early childhood community, to assess community needs, and to ensure the coordination of services.