



**St. Clair County  
Community Mental Health**  
*Providing Opportunities for Health, Wellness, & Connection*



Michigan's Early Childhood Courts

# The primary goal of Michigan's Early Childhood Courts is family preservation.

To make sure families can stay together whenever possible and receive the support they need to thrive, Early Childhood Court helps to address underlying challenges like:



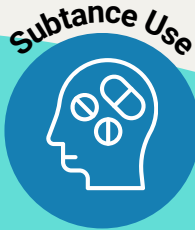
Health Disparities



Trauma



Parent Stress



Substance Use



Abuse or Neglect



Poverty

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# Early Childhood Court



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## What is --- Early Childhood Court?

Early Childhood Court is a special program in Michigan that helps young children and families involved in the child welfare system. It provides extra support for parents and works with them to create a safe and loving environment for their children. Families meet with a team of caring professionals who focus on building strong relationships and addressing challenges together. The goal is to give every child the best start in life by helping families stay healthy and connected.

## Who can take part in --- Early Childhood Court?

Families may qualify for Early Childhood Court if they are involved in the child welfare system with children ages zero - three. This program focuses on helping families experiencing challenges like parenting stress, trauma, or substance use. Parents, children, foster parents, and other caregivers work closely with a team that includes judges, social workers, therapists, and family support specialists. Together, they provide guidance and resources to help families overcome obstacles and create a safe, stable home for their children.

## What are --- the benefits of Early Childhood Court?



Families work with a dedicated Court Team, including trained professionals who focus on supporting infants' and toddlers' attachment and achieving permanency.



Treatment plans are personalized based on each family's needs, with input from the family.



Teams provide regular check-ins to address barriers and offer assistance.



Families receive in-home therapy sessions twice weekly with Infant Mental Health specialists.



Family Team Meetings before court hearings focus on progress and solutions.



Court hearings occur every 4-6 weeks, creating a supportive, trauma-informed process.



## Questions about --- Early Childhood Court?

For more information, please contact Early Childhood Court Community Coordinator Jodi Shinn at [jshinn@scccmh.org](mailto:jshinn@scccmh.org) or (810) 985-8900.

