Who is GSGF?
The Great Start for Great Futures (GSGF) Coalition is a group of Stark County early education providers, agencies, advocates, and community leaders collaborating to improve the outcomes of prenatal to kindergarten children. Please see the reverse of this flyer for a list of organizations committed to the GSGF initiatives.

The GSGF Goal
To ensure all children have access and opportunity to high-quality early education to ensure kindergarten readiness in all (early learning) educational domains.

Why Do We Do This?
If we close the achievement/opportunity gap in the areas of literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development for children prenatal to three, then we will see kindergarten readiness and the establishment of a solid foundation for academic growth.

The FACES of GSGF Work
Family and Parent Empowerment: Engaging, educating and empowering families to become their child’s first teachers
Agencies & Community: Strategically coordinating and leveraging collaborative partnerships
Children: Ensuring ALL children have access to high quality, whole child learning experiences.
Educators, Staff & ECE Programs: Ensuring all educators have data and training so they are equipped to provide high quality, whole child learning experiences
Systems: Developing aligned systems and clear metrics to equip decision makers; Integrating strategic partners to impact outcomes

GSGF Questions?
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Small But Mighty
90% of a child’s brain development occurs by age 5, and birth to age 3 is the fastest rate of brain development across his/her entire life span.

Time Goes So Fast
There are only 2,000 days between the time a baby is born and when he/she starts kindergarten.

One Thing Leads to Another
Progress made during the first 5 years of a child’s life is extremely predictive of future school successes and struggles. Kindergarten readiness predicts 3rd grade reading achievement ...which predicts 8th grade math achievement ...which predicts high school graduation ...which predicts postsecondary attainment.

Now Is The Time To Act.
In Stark County, 40% of kids were NOT on track at the start of kindergarten for the 2017-18 school year.

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Who are Partners in the GSGF Coalition?

Alliance Early Learning School
Alliance Family Health Center
Artful Living and Learning
Aultman Foundation
Aultman Hospital
Canton City Health Department
Canton City School District
Canton Country Day School
Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health
City of Massillon
CommQuest Services, Inc.
Early Childhood Education Alliance
Early Childhood Resource Center
Fairless Local Schools
Help Me Grow
JRC Learning Centers
Lake Local Schools
Massillon City Schools
Northwest Local Schools
Osnaburg Local Schools
PNC Financial Services Group
Sisters of Charity of Canton
Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Stark County Community Action Agency – Head Start
Stark County District Library
Stark County Job and Family Services
Stark Education Partnership
Stark County Educational Service Center
Stark County Fatherhood Coalition
Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery
Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority
State Support Team Region 9
Summit Education Initiative
United Way of Greater Stark County
University of Mount Union
Walsh University
Weaver Child Development Center
YWCA (Early Head Start)

PLUS other community leaders & early education advocates