

## Let us Introduce Ourselves!

CHILD Network (Connected to Helping In Learning and Development) is a collaboration of professionals focused on improving services to young children and families throughout Carlton County. We do this by seeking funding for critical programs that serve the families in our eight school districts.

Since our establishment in 1990, we have worked to coordinate prenatal and early childhood services to effectively meet the needs of our community. Currently, our membership includes representation from parents, Childcare Resource and Referral, private and public child care providers, Carlton County Public Health & Human Services, Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative, Early Childhood Family Education, School Readiness, Head Start programs, including the Fond du Lac Reservation, and a liaison from the Carlton County Collaborative.

With this strong history of working together as an established network of professionals, who serve families with young children, we were positioned to become a partnership workgroup under the Carlton County Collaborative in 2000. During this time our mission statement was clarified as: *A community of children and families growing, learning, and thriving.*

We are now welcoming expanded membership to individuals and organizations that would like to support or join this effort.

Contact us at  
**218-879-4511**

or on the web at [www.cccollab.org](http://www.cccollab.org)



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30 10th Street North  
Cloquet, MN 55720.



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A community of  
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*Working together with families  
to support and strengthen  
prenatal parenting, and early  
childhood development.*

## Become a Member:

Membership Benefits and Services:

1. Professional development programs:
  - Members will receive a discount on CHILD Network sponsored trainings
  - CEU workshops and trainings available
2. Opportunity to be an active member of the CHILD Network by:
  - Attending meetings
  - Having a voice in planning programs and services
  - Providing leadership for County-wide Early Childhood programming
  - Having a right to vote and hold office
3. Option to receive up to date information of local, regional & statewide trainings, legislative updates and networking opportunities.
4. Access to the CHILD Network via the e-mail directory.
5. Opportunities to present your organization/agency to the CHILD Network.
6. Access to CHILD Network scholarship fund.

Your membership will be supporting CHILD Network's current programs:

- Jump Start 4 Kindergarten - an Early Childhood Data Tracking System, training, and online assessment.
- Young Parents Class
- Universal Home Visiting – Public Health
- ABC (Abundance of Books for Children)
- Books for Babies
- Early Childhood and Family Education (ECFE)
- ECFE In-home Child Care Visitor Program
- State Early Childhood Initiative
- Family Friends & Neighbors
- Kindergarten Transition and School Readiness

# Our Goals:

## 1. To Actively work together as a coalition to ensure that basic needs of children and families in Carlton County are met, ensuring each child the best possible start in life.

- Ensure that each child (prenatal on) is supported with a safe, secure, nurturing environment that enhances their mental and physical health, nutrition, brain development, language and literacy as well as self-sufficiency.
- Build and expand relationships and partnerships with organizations serving children and families who focus on advancing violence prevention, alleviating domestic abuse and/or chemical dependence, providing mental health services to individuals in Carlton County.
- Serve as a clearinghouse and network providing resources for housing, childcare, education, employment and other services leading to the healthy development of children (prenatal to age 8) and families.
- Expand and regularly assess programs to ensure that people of all ages, abilities, ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds are included in services provided by the CHILD Network.

## 2. To Explore and develop strategies that will bring greater permanence and strengthen prenatal, parenting,

- Regularly track data to evaluate services provided by the CHILD Network on an annual basis.
- Use technology to assist with needs assessments, evaluations, data management and expanding visibility of services to children and families.
- Engage parents, stakeholders, faith-based organizations and other community groups in activities that help to build strong families.
- Continually evaluate assets, eliminate duplications and assess gaps in services provided to prenatal, infants, children and families in Carlton County.

## 3. To Provide advocacy and broaden decision-making in issues impacting prenatal, infants, children and

- Share prenatal/early childhood information and needs with policy-makers.
- Provide current and timely information to parents and encourage community involvement regarding policies and upcoming legislative decisions that will have an impact upon infants, children and families.



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# How to Join:

CHILD Network invites you to join us in supporting vital prenatal and early childhood programs. Please consider becoming a member.

## 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Memberships:

Personal Memberships	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of CHILD Network	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime	\$500
Organization/Agency Memberships	
Annual Income:	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0-249,999	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000-499,999	\$75
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000- 749,999	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> \$750,000-999,999	\$125
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000-1,499,999	\$150

### Sponsorships:

Should you choose to sponsor a specific program at your designated amount, please check the appropriate box and write the amount you are willing to donate in the space provided below:

- School Readiness – a year of preschool for one child costs \$500.00.
- Young Parents – the cost for a family to attend this program for a year is \$500.00.
- Home Visits – Public Health Home Visits cost \$600 per family for three visits a year.
- Training - \$75.00 would support training opportunities for one early childhood professionals for a year.
- Data Tracking – This process costs \$18.11 per child per year. So for a class of 20 children to participate in this program – it would cost \$362.20.

Sponsorship Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

CHILD Network

Or visit [www.esko.k12.mn.us](http://www.esko.k12.mn.us) to find information under Community Education/Class Registration

For more information about a specific program or to speak with someone from CHILD Network, contact Joan Peterson at 218-879-4511.

Membership Fees and Sponsorships can be mailed to:  
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