



SUGGESTED COLLABORATION PARTNERS

Collaboration among local organizations is key in fulfilling the EXCEL BY 5 certification requirements. The following list includes suggested organizations that may help your community in your certification efforts:

Community Involvement

- Businesses
- Local Chamber of Commerce/Civic Groups
- Churches
- Industries
- Local Health District/Hospital/Clinic
- Local Library
- Local Parent Teacher Association
- Local School District Superintendent
- MS Library Commission – www.mlc.lib.ms.us
- Parents for Public Schools – www.parents4publicschools.org

Family and Parent Support

- Catholic Charities – www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org
- Local Head Start
- Local Parent Teacher Association
- Local Parents
- Local School District Superintendent
- MS Public Broadcasting – www.mpbonline.org
- MS Department of Health – www.msdh.state.ms.us
- MS Department of Mental Health – www.dmh.state.ms.us
- MS Department of Human Services – www.mdhs.state.ms.us
- MS Public Broadcasting – www.mpbonline.org
- MSU Extension Service – www.msucare.com
- Parents for Public Schools – www.parents4publicschools.org
- Parent Resource Center
- Public Broadcasting Service – www.pbs.org
- Reading is Fundamental (RIF) – www.rif.org
- Zero to Three – www.zerotothree.org



Early Care and Education

- Early Head Start – www.ehsnrc.org
- Head Start – www.nhsa.org
- Local Child Care providers and Directors
- Local Public and Private Schools
- MS Department of Education – www.mde.k12.ms.us
- MS Department of Health, Childcare Licensing Division – <http://msdh.ms.gov>
- MS Department of Human Services, Office for Children and Youth – www.mdhs.state.ms.us
- MS Department of Mental Health – www.dmh.state.ms.us
- MS Extension Service, Nurturing Homes Initiative – www.msucares.com/nhi
- MS Early Childhood Association – www.msearlychildhood.org
- MS Public Broadcasting
- National Association for Family Child Care – www.nafcc.org
- National Association for the Education of Young Children – www.naeyc.org
- National Network for Child Care – www.nncc.org
- The Early Childhood Institute – www.earlychildhood.msstate.edu/

Health

- American Academy of Pediatrics – www.aap.org
- American Red Cross - www.redcross.org
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies – www.hmhb.org
- Local Doctors, Nurses, and Pharmacists
- Local Health Department/Hospital
- Local Public School Early Childhood Special Education
- MSCHIP – www.medicaid.ms.gov
- MS Department of Health First Steps Early Intervention - www.msdh.ms.gov
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- MS Department of Medicaid – www.medicaid.ms.gov
- MS Department of Mental Health – www.dmh.state.ms.us
- WIC – www.msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite
- World Health Organization – www.who.org