



Project Status January 2014

5 to ONE is a project of the Great Start Collaborative of Traverse Bay. The goal of this project is to develop and implement an early childhood system of resources that is available to all families living in the Collaborative's five-county service area, and to provide a model that other rural communities can replicate. Our consultants on this project are the Cornerstone Team: Tom Nemitz (Cornerstone Architects); Dr. Honore' -Collins (Eshe' Consulting); Woody Smith (Avenue ISR); Emily Mitchell (Nielsen Design Group). TBAISD holds the contract with the Cornerstone and the Community Foundation is acting as fiduciary.

Step One & Step Two Deliverables

[See PowerPoints available at www.greatstartkids.com/5toONE for detailed information.]

Step One *Discovery* (completed May 24, 2013)

- Discovery: determined the current challenges and successes across the region
- Models: reviewed functioning system models across the nation
- Components: determined desired system characteristics for this region
- Alternatives: proposed five system models
- Identity: developed a unique and meaningful project identity (a "brand")

Step Two *Engagement* (completed November 26, 2013)

- Priorities: survey of parents and caregivers, asset mapping, and data analysis
- Recommendations: a comprehensive system model adapted to the needs of rural Michigan communities includes satellites, network and hub

Step One & Step Two Funding

- Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District
- Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation
- Great Start Collaborative
- Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency
- Northwestern Michigan College
- Rotary Charities of Traverse City
- Early Childhood Investment Corporation

Step Three *Design* (beginning January, 2014)

With the advice and assistance of Cornerstone, the GSC executive team selected a steering committee composed of regional and community leaders, the GSC executive team, and the project advisory team. The steering committee will lead the planning and development process to ensure sustainability and accountability.

Step Three Deliverables

- Develop possible service menus and basic facility criteria for satellites
- Develop schematic design data for center
- Develop recommended network components
- Develop financial pro forma for system components
- Prepare preliminary design package

Step Three Funding

- Consumers Energy Foundation