Who We Are.
The Manchester Early Childhood Collaborative is a diverse group of community members who strive to support the families of young children, ages prenatal to age eight.

A Great Start Begins Here.
MECC was established in 1997 to increase the number of quality preschool spaces in our community. As a group, MECC has expanded our purpose and reach to support the overall development, education, and wellbeing of young children and families in our community.

Our Mission.
• Advocating for the advancement of young children’s learning
• Encouraging quality preschool services, programs and policies to promote the overall wellbeing of Manchester’s children
• Communicating about school readiness among families, schools and the community, and
• Developing programs that support families with young children.

MECC is your connection to a full range of community programs and resources for you and your child including:

Child Care
Continuing Education
Developmental Screenings
Head Start
Home Visiting Programs
Parenting Classes and Groups
Manchester Public Schools Early Childhood Education
Parent Leadership Opportunities

Playgroups
Prenatal and birthing center
Preschool Programs
School Readiness Programs
Special Events
Therapeutic Resources
Town Services

“We want all Manchester children to have a strong foundation as they become lifelong learners.”
— Matt Geary, Manchester’s Superintendent of Schools

What we know.
When families are supported throughout their child’s first years, the child’s chances of performing well throughout their educational journey increases exponentially. In fact, early childhood experiences establish the very foundation of learning patterns that will have an impact throughout the lifespan.

To learn more, discover the latest information or get involved, check out our website at: schoolreadiness.townofmanchester.org