



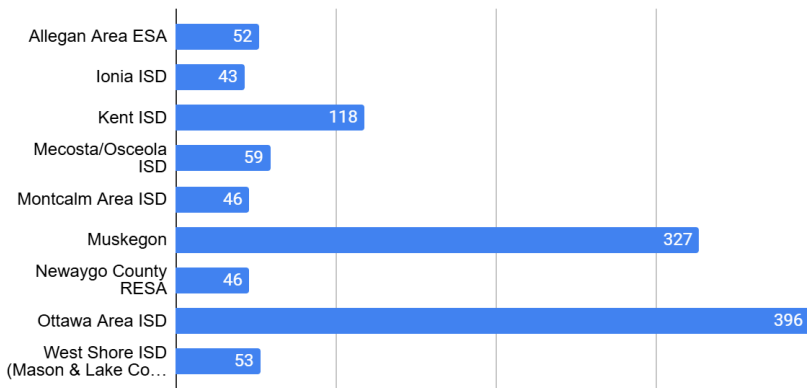
## Setting the Record Straight: Early Childhood Matters 2024-2025 Data

For over 20 years, Great Start Collaboratives (GSCs) have been a cornerstone in supporting young children and their families across our region. Our community understands that investing early in children's development leads to stronger schools, healthier families, and a more resilient future.

### Community-Led, Community-Driven

Over 1,220 community members have partnered with GSC initiatives, not as bystanders—but as active participants—ensuring that initiatives are responsive, inclusive, and built on local strengths. This isn't just about programs; it's about partnerships.

Community Connections  
Number of partners established through GSC work

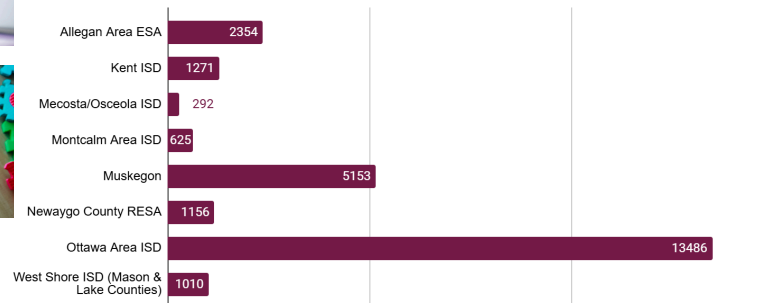


### Early Support Sets the Foundation

Early identification and intervention make all the difference. Through GSC's child find and connections to resources like developmental screening activities, over 25,367 families have been supported in identifying needs early—often preventing more serious challenges later. These screenings are not just helpful—they're essential.



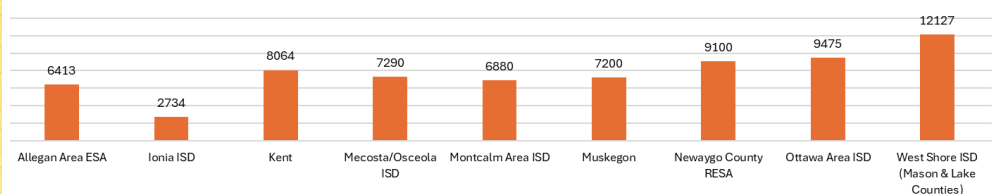
Family Support: GSC System Navigation (Resource & Referral)



### Literacy and Learning Start Early

Thanks to GSC's Literacy Efforts across our region, at least 69,292 families have engaged in early literacy initiatives, equipping children with critical resources long before they enter kindergarten. Reading aloud, storytelling, and family literacy events are just some of the ways GSC fosters a love of learning.

Literacy Supports



### A Voice for Early Childhood in Our Region

GSC isn't just working for families—they're working with families. By lifting up local voices, supporting leadership development, and advocating for early childhood at the regional level, GSC ensures our children are not left behind.

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COLLABORATION



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