



**Ready by Five Early Childhood Millage**  
**Resident Proposal Review Board Funding Allocation Summary**  
**Proposed for Approval to the First Steps Kent Early Childhood Commission**  
**November 20, 2020**

The Ready by Five Resident Proposal Review Board met November 10-13, 2020 to review 18 proposals submitted under the following four RFP categories:

1. Outreach and Navigation Programming
2. Healthy Development
3. Healthy Development: Fetal Infant Mortality Review Network Lead
4. Interpretation and Translation Services

On November 13, 2020 the Ready by Five Resident Proposal Review Board (RPRB) recommended 12 proposals for funding totaling \$2,583,497. (Year One period of January-December 2021 at \$1,261,763 and Year 2 period of January-December 2022 at \$1,321,734.) Recommendations are as follows:

**RFP 1: Outreach and Navigation (\$1,738,422)**

**Outreach and Navigation Connections Expansion (Family Futures)**

Year 1: \$256,238.00    Year 2: \$261,268.00    Total: \$517,506.00

**Fostering Connections: Connecting Foster Children and Families to Early Childhood Services (Health Net of West Michigan)**

Year 1: \$125,305.00    Year 2: \$128,205.00    Total: \$253,510.00

**Hands Connected Early Childhood Navigation Services (Bethany Christian Services)**

Year 1: \$100,000.00    Year 2: \$100,000.00    Total: \$200,000.00

**Outreach and Navigation Services (Hispanic Center of Western Michigan)**

Year 1: \$33,976.00      Year 2: \$34,536.00      Total: \$68,512.00

**Outreach and Navigation Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness (Family Promise of Grand Rapids)**

Year 1: \$37,886.00      Year 2: \$60,108.00      Total: \$97,994.00

**Parent Engagement Program: Engaging, Involving and Equipping Parents Involved with the Child Welfare System (West Michigan Partnership for Children)**

Year 1: \$294,924.00      Year 2: \$305,976.00      Total: \$600,900.00

**RFP 2 & RFP 3: Healthy Development (\$635,075)**

**Family Futures Healthy Development Connections Enhancement (Family Futures)**

Year 1: \$37,300.00      Year 2: \$37,300.00      Total: \$74,600.00

**Promote, Refer, Education – Keep Early Education Positive (ELNC)**

Year 1: \$146,091.00      Year 2: \$150,379.00      Total: \$296,470.00

**FIMR Network Lead (Kent County Health Department)**

Year 1: \$125,043.00      Year 2: \$138,962.00      Total: \$264,005.00

**RFP 4: Interpretation and Translation Services (\$210,000)**

**Bethany Christian Services**

Year 1: \$35,000.00      Year 2: \$35,000.00      Total: \$70,000.00

**Hispanic Center of West Michigan**

Year 1: \$35,000.00      Year 2: \$35,000.00      Total: \$70,000.00

**Liaison Linguistics**

Year 1: \$35,000.00      Year 2: \$35,000.00      Total: \$70,000.00

**For 2021, the Kent County Administrator's office has authorized an additional \$60,000 for the Kent County Health Department to cover staff time related to data collection technical assistance support.**

**The purpose of Ready by Five services is to support the healthy development and early learning of all young children (through age five) in Kent County. The proposals funded included a strategic focus on ensuring children not currently receiving services have access to services and this most recent round of additional funding ensured services are capable of reaching and serving families when COVID-19 physical distancing requirements are in place. Contracts will begin January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2022.**

**These recommended amounts are in addition to the 27 contracts currently in place with service providers that will continue through FY 2021. (Total of \$5,715,014.87)**

**Pending the FSK Early Childhood Commission's approval, the total amount for all FY 2021 allocations (new and continuing) going before the Kent County Board of Commission is: \$7,036,777.87.**

**Once approved by the First Steps Kent Early Childhood Commission, the recommendations will go before the Kent County Board of Commissioners for approval as follows:**

- **On December 1, 2020 the decisions will be brought to the Kent County Board of Commissioners Finance and Physical Resources Committee to review and approve the recommendations for funding.**
- **On December 3, 2020 (this is tentative) the Kent County Board of Commissioners will review and give the final approval of the Resident Proposal Review Board's funding recommendations.**

## Ready by Five 2021 Allocations, by Category of Service

\* Indicates proposals recommended for funding by RPRB in November 2020 (the most recent round of funding).

<b>Outreach and Navigation (Total: \$2,054,429.00)</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>Hands Connected Early Childhood Navigation Services (Bethany Christian Services)*</b>	\$ 100,000.00
Outreach, Navigation and Parent Peer Navigation (Family Futures)	\$ 373,226.00
<b>Family Futures Outreach and Navigation Connections Expansion (Family Futures)*</b>	\$ 256,238.00
<i>Total Family Futures</i>	\$ 629,464.00
Outreach and Navigation (Family Promise)	\$ 22,222.00
<b>Outreach and Navigation Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness (Family Promise of Grand Rapids)*</b>	\$ 37,886.00
<i>Total Family Promise</i>	\$ 60,108.00
Screening for Early Childhood, Social Needs and Health Care Service and Navigation... (Health Net of West Michigan)	\$ 484,466.00
<b>Fostering Connections: Connecting Foster Children and Families to Early Childhood Services (Health Net of West Michigan)*</b>	\$ 125,305.00
<i>Total Health Net of West Michigan</i>	\$ 609,771.00
<b>Outreach and Navigation Services (Hispanic Center of Western Michigan)*</b>	\$ 33,976.00
Help Me Grow Outreach/Partner Engagement and Help Me Grow Referral Services (Kent ISD)	\$ 326,186.00
<b>Parent Engagement Program: Engaging, Involving and Equipping Parents Involved with the Child Welfare System (West Michigan Partnership for Children)*</b>	\$ 294,924.00

<b>Healthy Development (Total \$2,271,040.25)</b>	
<i>Healthy Development Programming</i>	
Infant Toddler Developmental Services (Arbor Circle)	\$ 253,165.00
Keep Early Education Positive (Arbor Circle)	\$ 130,130.00
<i>Total Arbor Circle</i>	\$ 383,295.00
Home Visiting and Healthy Development Through Integrated Multidisciplinary Health Teams (Cherry Health)	\$ 157,813.60
<b>Promote, Refer, Education – Keep Early Education Positive (PRE-KEEP) (Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative)*</b>	\$ 146,091.00
Building Connections: Parent Coaching Combined with Developmental Screening (Family Futures)	\$ 91,496.82
<b>Family Futures Healthy Development Connections Enhancement (Family Futures)*</b>	\$ 37,300.00
<i>Total Family Futures</i>	\$ 128,796.82
Family Engagement and Stabilization Program (Family Promise)	\$ 125,760.00
<b>FIMR Network Lead (Kent County Health Department)*</b>	\$ 125,043.00
Reach Out and Read Healthcare Collaborative to Improve Healthy Development in Kent County (Ready for School)	\$ 195,000.00
<i>Healthy and Safe Home Programming Proposals</i>	
Healthy and Safe Homes through Integrated Care (Cherry Health)	\$ 40,840.91
Healthy and Safe Home Screening Project (Healthy Homes Coalition)	\$ 445,970.00
Lead Program Expansion (Kent County Health Department)	\$ 443,859.92
Healthy Development Contract Performance Payments	\$ 78,570.00

<b>Parenting Education and Support (\$1,770,659.44)</b>	
<i>Translation and Interpretation Support</i>	
Bethany Christian Services*	\$ 35,000.00
Hispanic Center of West Michigan*	\$ 35,000.00
Liaison Linguistics*	\$ 35,000.00
<i>Home Visiting Support</i>	
Little Scholars Parent Coaching (Camp Fire West Michigan 4C)	\$ 81,818.18
Early Childhood Attachment (D.A. Blodgett)	\$ 198,340.00
Incredible Years Home Visiting Program (Easter Seals, Inc.)	\$ 147,709.80
Flourish at Home (Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative)	\$ 95,454.55
Kent County Healthy Families (Family Futures)	\$ 139,090.91
Bright Beginnings Home Visiting Expansion (Kent ISD)	\$ 147,045.00
Expansion of In-Home, Hands-On, Postpartum Support (MomsBloom)	\$ 58,750.00
Baby Scholars - Play and Learn Strategies (Spectrum Health System)	\$ 118,401.00
Strong Beginnings – Healthy Start (Spectrum Health System)	\$ 584,853.00
<i>Spectrum Health System Total</i>	\$ 703,254.00
Home Visiting Contract Performance Payments	\$ 94,197.00

<b>Early Learning (Total \$880,649.18)</b>	
<i>Play and Learn Community Programming</i>	
Little Learners Play Group (Camp Fire West Michigan 4C)	\$ 144,644.18
Supporting Families through Play and Learning: EatPlayGrow (Cherry Health)	\$ 70,900.00
Play and Learn Communities Programming (Comprehensive Therapy Center)	\$ 74,168.00
Play to Learn (Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative)	\$ 170,228.00
Early Learning Communities Play and Learn Groups (GRCC - Phyllis Fratzke Early Childhood Learning Laboratory)	\$ 420,709.00

Please note, for 2021, the Kent County's Administrator's office has authorized an additional \$60,000 for the Kent County Health Department to cover staff time related to data collection technical assistance support.

**Total Ready by Five Allocations for 2021: \$7,036,777.87**