



Blast Off Saint Paul Early Learning Coalition

Blast off Saint Paul (BOSP) is a group that comes together to ensure that all children, prenatal to five, have a solid foundation for lifelong success. We do this in collaboration with children, families, community members and one another.

Who We Are

We are a citywide group of community organizations, professionals and residents that provide access to community resources that will impact young children in Saint Paul. Our work focuses on three areas: advocacy, providing resources and information and direct service to children and families.

We recognize:

- Children are nurtured well within the context of their family and community.
- Families and communities foster hopes and dreams for their children.
- NO ONE advocates for children as well as their family and surrounding community.
- Efforts toward young children are more effective and longer lasting when community members invest their time and talents.

We hope:

- to more fully understand the community's hopes and vision for their children.
- to co-design and participate in community based solutions that address early learning initiatives.
- to address early learning topics relevant to our community through social, political, economic, and academic pathways.
- to foster networking opportunities for current and potential partners.
- to make participation and resources accessible to residents through familiar methods.

Your commitment would include:

- participating in conversations about young children and their families with other partners.
- sharing responsibility for meeting preparations, goals, and facilitations.
- advancing the goals and initiatives of the coalition, including resources for children and those who care for them.
- sharing responsibility for the planning, action, and evaluation of the BOSP goals.
- ongoing recruitment and engagement of additional partners for the benefit of children and families.
- participation and tabling at community events.

The benefits include:

- shared understanding and vision for children and families in the North End.
- organization and resident voice about shared goals in the North End.
- organization and resident collaboration on North End initiatives, giving a cohesive and shared approach to result in greater impact.
- partnerships with residents, organizations, and schools to support promotion of early learning topics.

Want to know more?

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