

Making The Early Years Count in Your Classroom

The Early Years Count! (EYC) initiative partners with teachers like you to strengthen classroom quality through assessments, hands-on coaching support, and access to real resources like training, grants, and classroom materials. You work hard to give your children the best start, we're here to support you.



We believe that all children deserve the highest standards of care and education. Our mission is to empower teachers to feel confident and capable in creating engaging, consistent, and high-quality classroom environments for children. You are not alone in this important work; we are here to support you every step of the way.

Since 2001, ***The Early Years Count!*** has been helping children, families, and teachers in St. Joseph County thrive.

How We Support Teachers using the HighScope Curriculum

Practical Training

- Introduces HighScope components: active learning, Plan-Do-Review, daily routines, adult-child interaction, and environment setup.
- Workshops include modeling, real classroom examples, and practice activities you can use right away.

Classroom Assessments

- Observe classrooms using trusted, research-based tools.
- Observations help provide feedback about what's working well and where small changes can make a big difference.

Coaching & Reflection

- Personalized hands-on coaching helps you apply strategies, reflect on your practice, and build confidence over time.
- Mini-grants offer an opportunity to purchase books, toys, and classroom materials.

Why HighScope?

HighScope is a proven, research-based approach built around the idea that children learn best by doing. Through play, exploration, and problem-solving, children develop skills they'll use for life. What makes HighScope valuable for teachers:

- Clear daily routines that help children feel secure and focused.
- The Plan-Do-Review process that builds independence and insight.
- Strong adult-child interactions that support language, problem solving and social growth.
- A framework that helps you observe, assess, and adjust to meet each child's needs.

HighScope is a curriculum that supports you in individualizing your approach to meet the needs of each child and values your unique strengths as an educator

Our support cycle of **Train - Assess - Coach** repeats! This ongoing support helps classrooms become more engaging, consistent, and nurturing for children.

Learn more about how *The Early Years Count!* is making a difference for children and families in St. Joseph County thanks to generous funding from the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County.

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