

# GR8T BEGINNINGS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Hello Community Partners!

As we move into a new year, or what many deem as a “fresh start”, I challenge you not merely structure your January around new resolves, but around a new “priority”.

Recently, a friend shared the Webster definition of the term “priority”.

*Something requiring or meriting attention prior to competing alternatives: something that is more important than other things and needs to be done or dealt with first”.*

He emphasized that the early English definition did not include a plural version to the term “priority(ties)”

As we look to make new “resolves” for the year, maybe it could be as simple as defining just one “priority” and allow this to be the guide to which our actions follow. What is your 2019 priority?

*Gr8t “United” Vision: Ensuring quality development, safe formal child care opportunities, parent engagement, and increasing community advocacy and partnerships.*



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## GR8T JANUARY MEETINGS

- 1/10/2019      **\*Elkhart County Director’s Roundtable**  
(12:30-2 p.m.) Life Preschool  
57595 Old County Road 17, Goshen 46528
- 1/16/2019      **Early Learning Advisory Committee Meeting**  
(1-3 p.m.) Indiana Government Center  
200 West Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46204
- 1/17/2019      **Indiana IAEYC Leadership Roundtable**  
6-7:30 p.m. Ivy Tech Community College  
22531 County Road 18 Goshen, IN 46528

**\*\*NO OMWPK Task Force Meeting in January**

\*Indicates meal/snack served



United Way  
of Elkhart County

Exciting news! I am officially the newest inductee of the United Way Elkhart County team! Strong foundational supports for the Gr8t Beginnings Coalition can be attributed to the United Way of Elkhart County, Early Childhood Alliance and partnering organizations. In December 2018, our Gr8t Beginnings team celebrated a large increase of the quality and capacity of many Elkhart County Early Learning facilities, heightened business partnerships, and additional ongoing support networks for young children and families. The new joint position as the Education Director with United Way, will work to maximize the impact and shift the vision to incorporate a support continuum. 2019 will be a Gr8t year! Are you at the table?