



DETROIT'S CHILDREN ARE THE WORLD'S FUTURE

By 2027 Detroit will be a City that puts Children and Families First!

Greetings Champion!

[Hope Starts Here: Detroit's Early Childhood Partnership](#); brazenly declared 9 years ago that by 2027 Detroit will be a City that puts children and families first. Detroit Champions for HOPE leads the essential community engagement aspect of Hope Stats Here's collective work of creating an Early Childhood ecosystem that is sustainable, accessible, affordable, and high-quality. We are building a system that requires all of the Detroit community to be involved in assuring that Detroit's children are not only Detroit's future but the World's future!

Detroit Champions for HOPE is facilitating the "reading & seeding" of the book- Kindezi: The Kongo Art Babysitting. "Kindezi", offers a community centered childcare model; with concepts and principles for us to consider together as we create and build a community ecosystem which puts children and families first in Detroit.

Key concepts for reader to consider while engaging the Kindezi:

- Children as a community's most precious resource to be developed.
- Childcare givers perform the most essential job in any community and should be lifted up, supported, recognised appropriately.
- Collective Responsibility: "The child in the womb is one individual's burden, but once born it is everyone's child". Who is everyone? Individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, leaders, institutions, and governments.
- Social Environment: Caregiving, explicitly encompasses- navigating, combating, adapting, shaping, & creating the social environment in which children, families, and communities exist.
- Infinite Generations- learn from the wisdom & history of our ancestors, engage our elders, support parents and adults in their work, grow & nurture our youth, and create an environment for future generational success.
- Create a system; an ECE ecosystem that is sustainable, accessible, affordable, and high quality. The current system is failing to meet the community needs and should be examined and critiqued as we create a new one.

We are inviting communities and organizations to join us in the community “reading & seeding” of Kindezi: The Kongo Art of Babysitting. Communities across the United States and the World are working on solutions for how we create environments for children and families where they can move from surviving to thriving. This takes all of us. We are creating an “Art of Childcare” that addresses the unique needs, assets, environments, and cultures of our distinct communities; with our communities and for the future success of our communities.

Please consider joining us in a community reading & seeding of the Kindezi: The Kongo Art of Babysitting. [Below \(and linked\) is a QR code to sponsor Copies for Detroit and/or bulk purchase additional copies for your organization.](#) I would love to have further conversations with you to build together on if and how you would like to engage with this project.

In Peace & Service,

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