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Office of Early Childhood Initiatives receives Outstanding Partnership Award

LaundryCares Foundation award recognizes collaboration with local laundromats

The City of Milwaukee's Office of Early Childhood Initiatives (OECI) was recently recognized with the inaugural Outstanding Partnership Award from the LaundryCares Foundation. The award is designed to recognize those organizations that have shown outstanding service and exemplary practice in the promotion of early learning through neighborhood laundromats. The OECI and the Milwaukee Public Library system have partnered together with Milwaukee-area laundromats to bring high-quality early learning programs into community laundromats, as well as family courts and other every day places to support youth and families where they are.

Alderman Cavalier Johnson, who championed the creation of the OECI, is thrilled to see the impact being made. "In 2017 when the Council created the Office of Early Childhood Initiatives, it was a commitment to providing resources and opportunities to make sure our children succeed, and just a few short years later it is clear that investment is paying off," said Alderman Johnson. "There is still a lot of work to be done, but the research shows early childhood education provides great benefits and we will continue working to ensure our city's youth have the tools and opportunity to achieve their full potential."

The OECI works collaboratively to ensure that all Milwaukee children ages zero to three years old have access to high-quality learning environments and are prepared for academic, social-emotional, and lifelong success. The OECI's collaborative effort was previously recognized by the Clinton Foundation's Too Small to Fail initiative.