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STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES' CEO ANN KALASS APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER'S 21st CENTURY EDUCATION COMMISSION

INKSTER, MICH. (June 3, 2016) – Starfish Family Services is pleased to announce Starfish CEO Ann Kalass has been appointed to serve on the newly created 21st Century Education Commission, established by [Executive Order 2016-6](#). Kalass is a Northville resident where she serves on the Board of Education.

The 25-member commission includes representatives from the education, business, government, and nonprofit communities with a particular interest or expertise in education. Appointees have been charged with analyzing top performing educational systems and identifying ways the state of Michigan can successfully replicate such systems. The members, proficient in education system design at the state, regional, and local levels, will focus on how to best organize, govern, fund and create a system of public education that leads to academic and career success for Michigan residents.

Membership consists of 16 gubernatorial appointees, four legislative appointees, the State Board of Education president or his designee, and four state department directors or their representatives.

Recognizing that an educated and knowledgeable population is critical to Michigan's economic and civic vitality, Ann Kalass is eager to work with other Michigan leaders on this critical task of strengthening the state's educational system for all children.

The complete list of appointees may be found [here](#).

About Starfish Family Services:

Founded in 1963, Starfish Family Services is a private, nonprofit agency serving vulnerable children and families in metropolitan Detroit. Our passion is early childhood development. We strive to prepare young children for a successful start to school. Our programs and services uniquely recognize and respect the important role of parents and other caregivers in the long-term success of children. As a leading provider of Early Head Start and Head Start programs we embrace a comprehensive strategy that also works to address challenges that children and their families may face at home. In addition to early childhood services, we provide parenting programs, children's mental health services, after-school programs, and other youth services including an emergency shelter for teens and youth in crisis. www.starfishfamilyservices.org.

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