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Spring Early Childhood Events Feature Free Family Fun and Music by Miriam Pico

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Families with young children ages 0-5 are invited to a series of free musical events with singer/songwriter Miriam Pico during the months of April and June.

Each event is hosted by the Great Start Collaborative and Family Coalition in partnership with Northwest Education Services at locations in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties.

These fun-filled sing-along events provide welcoming community spaces for families to connect, meet new friends, and enjoy uplifting music that appeals to all ages.

- **Friday, April 18 – 10 a.m.** | Benzie County
 - Lake Ann United Methodist Church, 6583 First St., Lake Ann, MI 49650
- **Friday, April 25 – 2 p.m.** | Kalkaska County
 - Kalkaska Trout Festival, downtown Kalkaska
- **Wednesday, April 30 – 10 a.m.** | Grand Traverse County
 - Great Lakes Children's Museum, Grand Traverse Mall, 3200 W. South Airport Road, Traverse City, 49684
- **Thursday, June 5 – 10 a.m.** | Leelanau County
 - Herman Park, 1052 So. Herman Road, Suttons Bay, MI 49682
- **Friday, June 6 – Noon (12 p.m.)** | Antrim County
 - Grass River Natural Area, 6500 Alden Highway, Bellaire, MI 49615

The Great Start Family Coalition is a community of parents and caregivers dedicated to enhancing early childhood experiences. With a mission to ensure that every child has a great start in life and equitable opportunity to achieve their highest potential, the coalition meets regularly to learn from each other, raise awareness about the importance of early childhood, and provide resources and educational opportunities to families with young children. Participation is open to all.

For additional information about this and other upcoming early childhood family events, contact Lauren Dake at ldake@NorthwestEd.org