

Local Leadership Group Notes
10.4.2017 2:00pm-4:00pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Family Growth Center)
549 E. Mt. Hope Ave. Lansing, MI 48910

1. Welcome/Introductions

a. Happy LLG New Year!

Thank you everyone!

b. Parent Café

10 minutes

Communication: How can you talk so your kids can listen? How can you listen so your kids will talk?

2. September Meeting Review

5 minutes

Jessica approved the minutes and Michelle was the second.

3. Shared Professional Development

15 minutes

a. Debrief Substance Abuse and Home Visiting

Excellent reviews for substance abuse training both trainers did a great job. Home visitors found it a worthy time investment.

b. Parents Partnering for Change Recap

Parents Partnering for Change was a two day event was well attended and attendees were engaged. Several counties were in attendance across the state, but Kae was the only individual representing Ingham County. Opportunity connected parents and trained in aspects of how organizations function.

4. Ingham Family Coalition

15 minutes

a. What are the best times and days for parents to be able to attend meetings?

After some discussion, coalition meetings will continue at the current location, which meets on Thursdays monthly from 6pm-8pm. Discussed time of day most convenient for families – target parents with children ages birth to 3 or 4 years old but no official age group classified. It will

be considered to possibly alternate between a day time and evening time but keeping the day consistent was suggested.

5. Parent Voice 35 Minutes

a. Each month, this space is reserved for parents.

How do you want to use your parent voice?

Most parents like it the way it is, with questions prepared for discussions and the answers shared aloud. Determining from the agencies what they want to know more about, and gather those discussions and present to LLG was suggested. A decision was made for parents to ask questions to the agencies directly every other meeting. Alternating months will include questions in advanced prepared for parents to answer. A list of questions were gathered. As the group of parents shift, past questions answered should be recycled for new discussion.

6. LLG Meeting Structure 35 minutes

a. Why do you regularly attend LLG meetings?

b. How can we increase value during each monthly meeting?

Discussed personal reasons for being present: some from a referral from their home visitor; others for access to resources; to hear the parent voice; get updates from home visiting programs and what's happening; to help with programing for current agency; and how to improve case conferencing with staff of home visiting programs.

Increase value (more useful, agenda item shifts) by: getting reports or updates on suggestions for change that were expressed; having a common exit survey; more home visiting continuum and regular CQI updates; LLG being the advisory group for GPGS; and more discussions about each home visiting program.

7. Agency Updates/Announcements 5 minutes

****Ingham LLG is now the advisory to Great Parents Great Start.