

**Local Leadership Group Notes**  
**May 1, 2019**  
**2:00pm-3:00pm**  
**Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services**  
**6520 Mercantile Way Suites 1 &2 Lansing, MI 48911**

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

**Parent Café Question:**

- What's difficult about being a parent? How do you deal with it?
  - Hard to deal with managing ourselves when our kids need us too
    - Need to put pride aside and accept help when it is presented
    - Give yourself a break: 5-10 minutes with the baby in a safe place
  - Time management of "Me Time". Have to share time between tending to kids and ourselves.

- Reviewed working agreements.
- Changed agenda item #7 Great Start Family Coalition to Great Start to Quality.

**2. April Meeting Review:** April minutes reviewed and approved. Dana 1<sup>st</sup> and Jasmine 2<sup>nd</sup>

**3. Home Visiting Continuum:**

- Next Parent Panel event will be May 6, 2020 at ECS.
- A Save the Date is available
- Inclusion activity during Parent Panel will also help work through future PD plans.

**4. 2019 Work Plan Progress:**

- Reviewed LLG Work Plan.
- Quarterly refresher of our LLG's work and progress made.
  - Focus for CQI project is Parent Engagement: Ask was made for assistance with parent referrals to LLG from LLG members.
  - Discussed Parent Ambassadors and their roles
  - Reviewed our partnership: required partners and recommended partners
    - Attendance is tracked so follow-up calls/emails are made when members miss meetings.
- Quick review of CQI purpose and work
- HV Continuum: Ingham's focus is PD. Parent Panel came from this work.
- Parent Cafes: Regularly scheduled Parent Cafes quarterly. Tap into parent groups for more opportunities.

-Sustainability Plan: Ingham identified Parent Voice and PD as a priority and most valuable to our LLG.

## 5. 2019 CQI Updates

CQI Project focus is on Parent Referral/Recruitment

- Establishing formal process

  - Effie will attend staff meetings at EHS and NFP quarterly

  - Parent Referral Log was created to track referrals for new parent partners.

- It was suggested to tap into Shared Pregnancy Facebook page and also attend their events for more parent engagement/recruitment to LLG.

## 6. Great Parents Great Start

- There are currently 9-10 families on waitlist. They are still accepting applications but be advised there is a wait. Some families are exiting but probably not all 9.

- There used to be no more than 20 families on each caseload. Now it's limited to 50 visits/month. Initially, families are seen weekly for first 8 weeks and then drop down to 2 visits/month, typically. This new limit on number of visits may be challenging.

- Working on increasing the GPGS families' attendance to Play and Learn Groups.

Some of the reasons for low attendance of GPGS families include:

  - Cultural reasons

  - Some just don't know what they are

  - Transportation is available but not always utilized or possible to use, car seats etc.

    - Play and Learn schedule was shared and is also available on the GSC website. Need to call and register to accommodate for space/group size etc.

## 7. Great Start to Quality

Outcome #3 GSC: Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school (School Readiness)

- Sharing with parents the Great Start to Quality information. It provides information for families to find childcare and preschools for their children and aligns nicely with GSC's outcome #3.

- Great Start to Quality tracks all qualifications, parameters and trainings etc for all providers, including childcare/preschool programs and home based.

  - All claims history is recorded and accessible

-Ingham Family Coalition is currently working with the license exempt families that were connected with GSQ and have offered training hours for them. Effie is a registered trainer on MiRegistry.

-The Star Rating: *Any* stars are above and beyond what licensing requires. Any stars indicate a positive rating. They are not like a hotel rating where low stars indicate poor quality.

## 8. Agency Updates/Announcements

-Flyer for May Family Coalition is available. It will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm at the Family Growth Center and the topic will focus on Summer Childcare and Summer Camps.

-Fran is retiring. There will be a retirement party for her. Effie will pass along the information.

-Feed the Babies Keep them Dry event is Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-2pm. Pre-Registration is required by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Baby must be present. Eligible for families with newborns to 3 years of age. 517-483-4477