

Local Leadership Group Notes
January 8, 2019
1:00pm-3:00pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Family Growth Center)
549 Mt. Hope Ave. Lansing, MI 48910

1. Welcome/Introductions

Parent Café Question: How do you keep from doing or promising too much?

-Discussed with elbow partners

2. December Meeting Review: December notes were reviewed and approved.

3. Great Parents Great Start: GPGS has baby books. Since they serve 3 years+ the baby books are not as beneficial for their program. Anyone interested in them, contact Michelle.

4. Home Visiting Continuum:

Continuation of December dialog around Intense Family Support

-Shared that our current continuum process did not reflect our work at the site visit.

- In December we began discussing Intense Family Support and that topic aligns well with what our continuum work should focus on. We need to back-off of Shared PD as our continuum work, but we will continue to do Shared PD, just not the focus of our continuum work.

- We have had discussions based around these questions in the past:
Need to get more guidance from ECIC on how to proceed with the new approach to continuum work.

- Discussed the need to reframe how we are structuring our work. Shared that PD does fulfill the questions we should be addressing, but the actual PD events are more of a process/method and not the goal.

-Goal: Both providers and families have a better, deeper understanding of the programs.

- How do we achieve this goal?
- Do we look at referrals and that process?
 - Sharing information?
 - How to best streamline when multiple programs are in the home?
- Need to determine how to incorporate our continuum work into the monthly meetings.
 - Suggested using the questions at the bottom of the models sheet and then brainstorm/have discussion around one question each month (or as long as it takes to dissect the question) to help determine if we are working towards answering those key questions.
 - Prioritize questions to see where to start

CONTINUATION:

-Opinion is that all families in Ingham who need services/support should receive it.

-What would happen if you had one provider who walked through prenatal to 5 years and pulled in services as needed from various programs?

-PARENTS:

- Enjoyed having those connections with the HV
- Did not want to let HV go
- Have more cooperation from families because that relationship is established

-HOME VISITOR:

- Tend to continue supporting families even after services have ended. If you allow the services to continue, you maintain the same relationships and establish more trust. If families trust you, they'll bring in their friends and others who need services and they are all more likely to continue to seek out additional services in the future.
- Ingham County does a good job of shifting programs or stepping away when needed.
- Best fit is hard to determine at times until you get to know the families and their needs.

- How is it determined who gets additional support?

PARENTS:

- Even if families do not qualify for HV services, providing information is a start.
- Ensure that resources are distributed at community locations

- Who is the client?
 - Family, mom/dad/caretaker, child etc?
 - Even though program may be for the child, other family members can be supported to help cut-down on multiple programs being in the home, when applicable.

5. Sustainability Plan Take 2

- We need to rework the SMART goal that was created last year.
 - The 2 things that were determined to be the most valuable to the Ingham LLG were Shared PD and Parent Voice
 - Parent Panel, shared locations for meetings and PD events, HV video. We have access to all these sustainable resources
 - Do we need to change time/date to *annually* to reflect it being sustainable year after year?
 - Look at HV model sheet to construct goal
 - CQI Team will work on this more on Friday and email to LLG.

6. Parent Voice

How do you learn about/enroll in a home visiting program that best addresses your needs?

- Word of mouth: Focus was on child that was ill and that is how my family qualified for services. Started with Early On and then moved from there to other programs. *Referral started with nurse at Sparrow and each program continued referring.
- Parents agreed that they don't know what the best program is or what meets their needs.
- Maybe do survey for family needs at hospital walk-through and baby classes.
 - This is being done at McLaren but not Sparrow

- Resources are given to families based in their specific needs
- Parents really want more personal and interactive introductions to programs so they know what they need. They would like the programs to contact them because sometimes the resources themselves do not necessarily answer questions and get lost in the shuffle

7. Spotlight:

Andrea Ryan: Stepping Up Together

- Support pregnant and parenting teens
- Make them aware of all resources
- Eligibility:
 - 14-21 years old
 - Moms: up to 20
 - Dads: up to 21
 - Must be pregnant or parenting
 - Live in Lansing area
- Currently (as of 1/7/20)
 - 40 Referrals
 - 28 moms
 - 12 dads
 - 31 Active
 - 22 moms
 - 9 dads
 - Received a lot of referrals in the last month or 2.
- Supporting Parents
 - Education and career success
 - Adult relationship support system
 - Teen parent and child health
 - Family sustainability
- Offer supplemental activities with transportation, food and childcare provided:
 - Parenting
 - Financial Literacy
 - Swimming
 - Infant CPR
 - Healthy Relationships
 - *Teens not enrolled in program can attend events

-Charming Child Class

Thursdays from 4:30 – 6:30pm

January 9th, 16th and 30th

February 6th

8. Agency Updates/Announcements

-Family Coalition tomorrow night, January 9, 2020 at Family Growth Center
5:30 – 7:30pm. Dinner and childcare provided

-WKAR Right to Read Forum, January 11, 2020 at Kendon Elementary 9-
11am. Breakfast and childcare provided