

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

Our vision: Every child is ready to succeed in school and life.

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes - April 13, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

**LOCATION: Grace United Methodist Church - 1900 Boston Blvd.,
Lansing**

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chairperson: Corrie Mervyn

Time Keeper: Barb Monroe

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Karen Batterham-DHHS, Wendy Boyce-GSC/GPGS, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Missy Challiss-ICHHD/MIHP, Dorothy Cooks-IISD/GPGS, Adrienne DeFord-ICHHD, Kristen Donnelly-IHP-Hub, Nicole Greiter-Dansville Public Schools/Willow Tree, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Anessa Kent-Johnson-CACS Head Start, Scott Koenigsknecht-IISD, Corrie Mervyn-IISD/GSRP, Barb Monroe-OYC CRC, Shannon Nobles-MLPP, Robin Pizzo-LLC, Thais Rousseau-CADL, MC Rothhorn-Parent Coordinator, Erin Simpson-CACS Head Start, Casey Sterle-Leslie Public Schools, Stephanie Thelen-IISD, Arti Watkins-One Love Global, Courtney Wisinski-DHHS, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

Inclusion Activity: With an elbow partner, members discussed their first paid job and explored the possible relationship between that job and the work they currently do.

The 4/13/16 Agenda and the 3/9/16 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. Norm of Collaboration

7. Presuming positive intentions

"I know we are trying to learn more about all angles so let me share..." "Knowing that we would like to make a decision that works for all of us, let's..."

(Thinking in your head thoughts like: "I am sure she didn't mean to sound charged when she said that.")

Although this Norm is the last in the series of seven, the Ingham GSC will continue to discuss ways to keep the Norms alive and actively used during Ingham GSC meetings and with partner organizations.

III. Target Groups - Voice and Connections

- A. Assign note taker and time keeper.
- B. Review GSC Shared Agendas from all Target Groups and identify alignment of any activities or progress.
- C. Discuss the following questions:
 1. What is Making a Difference in our Work?
 2. What are we Noticing?
 3. Where is There Energy? Which Activity are we Going to Focus on?
- D. What Activities on the Shared Agenda align with the School Readiness Packet? What actions can be taken to continue making progress?

The notes from Target Group work during the meeting can be found on the Shared Agenda of each Group at <http://inghamgreatstart.org/gsc-birth-to-five-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>.

IV. Spotlight

Courtney Wisinski, of DHHS, shared information regarding the Lansing Green and Healthy Homes Initiative, which focuses on a whole-house approach to making homes healthy for families. Courtney also discussed the dangers of lead poisoning and how the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative works directly with families who qualify for free inspections, education and abatement of health hazards. The PowerPoint can be viewed on the [Ingham Great Start website](#). For additional information, contact [Courtney Wisinski](#) (direct 517/335-8252).

V. General Updates

- **4-16-16:** [Greater Lansing Baby Fair](#), 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Lansing Center.
- **4-23-16:** [How to Eat Healthy and Well on a Budget](#), 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Learn about nutritious eating, gardening, freezing, and canning, on a budget. The event is free and lunch is included.
- **4-23-16:** [MSU Student Parents on a Mission Carnival and Resource Fair](#), 12 Noon - 5:00 pm at the Breslin Center.
- **5-7-16:** [Feed the Babies, Keep them Dry](#), 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, location TBD. Advanced registration is required. Call 517-483-4477. Attendees must provide proof of need (Medicaid, EBT, WIC card).
- **5-19-16:** [Secondary Traumatic Stress Training](#) is scheduled at Grace United Methodist Church. Training for Home Visitors is scheduled for 3:00 - 5:00 pm, with registration starting at 2:30 pm. Training for Child Care providers is scheduled for 6:30 - 8:30 pm, with registration starting at 6:00 pm. Contact [Lisa Chambers](#) for additional information.
- MSU Department of Psychology is recruiting families (with children ages 4 - 5 who have not yet entered Kindergarten) to participate in an [online survey](#) on children's temperament and self-regulation. Compensation of a \$5.00 Meijer gift card for participation. Contact [Sharon Lo](#) for more information.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2016,
from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

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Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Calendars, Ingham Early Childhood Action Agenda, and more.
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