

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, June 8, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Welcome and Working Agreements

Co-Chairs: Barb Monroe and Effie Alofoje-Carr

Time Keeper: MC Rothhorn

Present: Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Barbara Ball-McClure-MSU College of Human Medicine, Wendy Boyce-IISD, Melea Bullock-Eaton RESA, Dorothy Cooks-IISD/GPGS, Adrienne DeFord-ICHHD, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Tricia McKay-LCC, Corrie Mervyn-IISD/GSRP, Barb Monroe-Central Resource Center, Travis Neller-Eaton RESA, Michelle Nicholson-IISD, Kristen Osterhouse-Cyber Education Center, Pizzo-LCC, Thais Rousseau-CADL, MC Rothhorn-Parent Coordinator, Stephanie Thelen-IISD, Mary Jo Wegenke-IISD

An evaluation tool was introduced at today's GSC Meeting, and will be available at all future GSC Meetings. Members are encouraged to use this tool to provide feedback regarding GSC Meetings.

The 6/8/16 Meeting Agenda and 5/11/16 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

I. Inclusion activity - Parent Café question/Ingham Parent Café video

Today's inclusion activity included a brief simulation of a Parent Café. Parent Cafés include questions centered on the five Protective Factors that make a family strong. Today's question was about child development: *"How do you know what your child needs as she/they grow?"* Members used the popcorn method to answer the question:

- Child's physical appearance (i.e. outgrow clothing, eating incessantly).
- Child's mood
- By what the child tells or asks the parent
- Read books that have good parenting suggestions
- Use information given by the doctor during well visits
- Personal experience (the parent's experience(s) throughout life)
- Through conversations with the child's teacher(s)
- Experience with older siblings
- Conversations with older siblings
- Sometimes you know by what *isn't* working (i.e. sometimes children want to be grounded to feel safe)
- Suggestions from "the village" (i.e., Facebook, friends)
- Ask the child what they need
- Prayer and reflection

Jessica Baker and Effie Alofoje-Carr are trained in Parent Café facilitation. Contact Jessica inghamscparents@gmail.com or Effie inghamllg@gmail.com for information. The [Parent Café video](#) can be seen on the GSC website.

II. Spotlight - Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) and The Legacy Center: A 2GEN Approach to providing Student Parent Support - Robin Pizzo, Project Director/Success Coach

This is currently the fourth year of the grant used to support quality child care funding and support services for qualifying parents who wish to pursue a college education at Lansing Community College. This \$1.4M dollars (337,000/year for LCC) also provides for success coaching for student parents; gives priority to veterans and/or military families (4 per year); assists students with academic struggles, etc. CCAMPIS leverages other funding sources (i.e., Head Start, GSRP, DHHS, and Women's Resource Center) to minimize costs for parents. Each student has their own action plan based upon their individual needs. Students enrolled in CCAMPIS are encouraged to take a higher number of credits per semester, as research shows benefit for students when enrolled in a higher number of credits. CCAMPIS also partners with two off campus child care providers, which accommodate evening, summer, and special needs care. Currently, Early LCC has 50 slots allocated for student parents. The [CCAMPIS PowerPoint](#) shared at today's meeting can be viewed on the GSC website. Robin Pizzo is working with the Aspen Institute on The Legacy Center project, another 2-Gen Approach to improve child and parent outcomes. The Legacy Center project proposal is available to GSC stakeholders and partners to review and provide feedback.

III. Target Groups - Voice and Connections

A. Assign note taker and time keeper.

B. Review Notes from GSC Shared Agendas and discuss the following questions:

1. Thinking about CCAMPIS and The Legacy Center, what is the alignment with your Target Group's activities?
2. How does this inform our current action steps?
3. Which progress measure will you take action on before the next meeting?

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. Responsibilities

- A. 32p(4) Home Visitation Grant Application** - Information regarding the 32p(4) Home Visiting Expansion Grant was shared at the May GSC Meeting. Work on the Exploration and Planning Tool has shown a gap in services for out-county families and families of three year olds. The inghampreschool.org online application system provides data previously unavailable—of 1532 applications submitted for three year olds, 954 children were not connected to preschool services, and 555 of those children were Head Start eligible. The Exploration and Planning Tool indicates Parents As Teacher (PAT) would be the model that best meets Ingham's needs. PAT allows for more enrollment opportunities due to no income restrictions and age eligibility criteria. The grant submission deadline is June 16, 2016.
- B. 2015-16 Early On Annual Report and Application** - Early On requires an [Annual Report](#) be shared and approved. Early On is a program for children ages birth up to age three who have disabilities or delays. Michelle Nicholson shared program highlights, budget information, and asked for approval of the Annual Report and Application from members. Barbara Ball-McClure motioned to approve the Early On Budget and MC Rothhorn supported.

V. General Updates

- [Get Real About Breastfeeding Campaign](#) posters are available. Local families who appear on the posters are available to speak at events.
- Michigan League for Public Policy recently issued an Action Alert regarding the potential of a \$20 million loss in child care funding for Michigan due to Michigan not providing a state match of Federal dollars. The loss in funding occurred, and Michigan returned \$20 million. Currently, Michigan has one of the strictest guidelines for families to be eligible to receive child care subsidy. Similarly, Michigan is one of the few states that does not provide state funding for Early On (except for Flint) and has lost Medicaid matching funds because of this. Robin Pizzo reported the Aspen Institute has been called upon to help with eligibility for child care subsidy.
- The Office of Great Start sent a survey regarding data collection indicators specific to the Four Outcomes. The survey asked if and how Great Start Collaboratives and their stakeholders regard the accuracy of the Four Outcome indicators. The survey will be distributed to GSC members.
- A GSC/Early Childhood outreach table was on display at today's GSC meeting. There are several upcoming outreach events, and members were encouraged to sign up to staff the table. Please contact [Wendy Boyce](#) for additional information.
- GSC Orientations will be held in lieu of the July GSC Meeting. The Orientations are scheduled for July 13, 2016, at 8:30-10:30 am or 6:00-8:00 pm, Grace United Methodist Church in Lansing. Please RSVP attendance to Stephanie (517/244-1267 or sthelen@inghamisd.org) no later than Friday, July 8, 2016.
- On May 19, 2016, two separate Secondary Traumatic Stress training sessions were held for home visitors and child care providers. Positive feedback was received from the nearly 50 participants in each session.
- The Annual Teddy Bear Picnic, through MSU College of Human Medicine, is scheduled for September 17, 2016, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. More information will be forthcoming.

In lieu of the monthly GSC meeting, Ingham GSC Orientation will be held July 13, 2016, at Grace United Methodist Church. Two time slots are scheduled - 8:30 - 10:30am and 6:00 - 8:00pm

The next GSC meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2016, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.