

## Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Agenda, June 13, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

### I. Welcome and Working Agreements

**Chair:** Effie Alofoje-Carr & Jessica Baker      **Time Keeper:** Dana Watson

**Present:** Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD, Kae Dubay-Parent, Marisela Garza-CADL, Debbie Jones-30<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court, Sharon Lane-Shae's All Natural, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD, Kristen Osterhouse-Great Start to Quality, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Dana Watson-ICHHD-Strong Start Healthy Start

The 6/13/18 Meeting Agenda and 5/16/18 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

### Inclusion Activity - Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Protective Factor – *“What one word or phrase would you use to describe kindergarten?”* Members discussed this question with elbow partners.

### II. Responsibility Spotlight – Early On Report

Ingham ISD Executive Director of the Early Childhood Program, Michelle Nicholson, shared information regarding the Early On Program—including the Early On Report. Children ages birth to three who have a developmental delay or established medical condition are eligible for Early On services. Funding for Early On is complicated and insufficient for in-person visits in some counties where families receive their services via phone call. In Ingham County, families receive services through home visits and Play and Learn Groups. Early On staff includes teachers, therapists and consultants. The Early On Program is an educational program rather than a medical model; thus staff works with families through their daily routines (i.e. dressing, diaper changes, speech, etc.) and coaching, generally in their home environment through weekly or monthly visits.

Anyone can make a referral to Early On: a parent/caregiver, neighbor, daycare provider, doctor, DHHS. Call 1-800-Early On.

There are two eligibilities for Early On: a 20% or greater developmental delay; or an established condition a child is born with that may lead to a delay. Federal law states if a family has a confirmed investigation of abuse or neglect, the child is automatically referred to Early On. More babies are being born drug exposed, including opioids and THC, which is also an automatic referral to Early On.

Question: *“What standards does a child have to meet for you to feel Early On services are no longer necessary?”* Early On is completely voluntary. Once a child is eligible for services, they can stay in the program until age three. That being said, Early On staff and parents may discuss exiting a child who is making very good progress. If a child was born with a medical issue (such as prematurity) that caused the developmental delay, Early On may exit the child once the issue has been resolved.

### III. Outcome Groups

Members met within respective Outcome groups. Today's questions are:

- A. Report on the actions you committed to take at the May GSC meeting.
- B. Review the Kids Count data and use your knowledge of the current early childhood system and our community to note any major changes.
- C. Assess implementation of the current Action Agenda. (Further instructions will be given.)

### IV. Outcome Group Share Out

- **Outcome 1** – The prenatal access survey to families is done, and the Outcome group is in the process of reviewing the survey data and deciding next steps.
- **Outcome 2** – Debbie Jones shared information regarding the Ingham County Educational Neglect Court, directed by Judge Garcia, for children as young as kindergarten. This new program was implemented due to the high absenteeism rate in the Lansing School District and throughout the Ingham ISD catchment area. Through this program, parents are given 30 days to improve their child's school attendance. Currently, 20-30 new families are petitioned each month. Debbie will check on how and what data is being gathered regarding why children are missing so many days of school (transportation, housing stability issues, illness, knowledge of importance of education, etc.).
- **Outcome 3** – WKAR and the Great Start to Quality Central Resource Center met to start planning Edcamp for Ingham County group home providers and center staff. Currently, there are 147 total childcare providers in Ingham County with 55 engaged and 92 not engaged in the Star Rating System. The Edcamp is planned for late October with an additional session expected in the spring. The goal is for 50-70 providers to attend Edcamp.
- **Outcome 4** – Did not meet today.

### V. Meeting Evaluation & General updates

- **Summer Reading Program** – [CADL's Summer Reading Program](#) is in full swing. Register and track progress on line.
- **Ingham Early Learning Calendars** – Calendars have been translated in seven additional languages other than English. Calendars are being shared throughout Ingham County through the Trusted Advisors (who are also cultural brokers and/or interpreters with the Lansing School District).
- **Family Coalition Meetings** – Meetings are scheduled for **June 26** and **August 23, 2018**. Contact Jessica Baker [inghamgscparents@gmail.com](mailto:inghamgscparents@gmail.com) or 517-899-4754 for additional information.
- **Moving** – The Ingham ISD Early On and Great Parents Great Start Programs are scheduled to move to a new location by June 30. The new address is located in the Holiday Office Park in Lansing at 6520 Mercantile Way, Suites 1 & 2.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 8/8/18  
from 1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.***

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