

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Agenda, August 8, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

I. Welcome and Working Agreements

Chair: Lucy McClintic **Time Keeper:** Laurie Linscott

Present: Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Missy Challiss-ICHHD MIHP, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Marisela Garza-CADL, Kendra Gibbs-ERESA Stepping Up Together, Karen Hoene-Ingham ISD Early On/Voters Not Politicians, Fran Jozefowicz-CMH, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDL, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Barb Monroe-MCESA Central Resource Center, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Shari Rose-Voters Not Politicians, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham Ingham ISD, Dana Watson-ICHHD-Strong Start Healthy Start

The 8/8/18 Meeting Agenda and 6/13/18 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

Inclusion Activity - Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Resiliency Protective Factor – “What are some important life lessons you have learned that have made you a better parent or professional?” Members discussed their responses with elbow partners.

II. Spotlight – Voter Education and Registration Information

Karen Hoene, Early Interventionist, Ingham ISD; Volunteer, Voters Not Politicians
Shari Rose, Education Chair, Voters Not Politicians

Voter registration/education information was shared with GSC members to pass along to families in their programs. The topic of gerrymandering was also presented, and will be included on the November 6, 2018 ballot as Proposal 2—which calls for a change in the process of re-districting of current voting maps throughout the State of Michigan. More information about gerrymandering can be found at [Voters Not Politicians](#). If you are interested in scheduling a presentation for your community or work organization, please contact Karen Hoene (khoene@inghamisd.org or 517.420.2858). The voter fact sheet can be found at the end of the notes (Attachment 1). *Disclaimer: Ingham Great Start Collaborative neither endorses candidates or asserts political views.*

III. Ingham Great Start Evaluation Feedback

In early 2018, GSC members across the State of Michigan were emailed a survey in regard to their GSC. Some feedback from this survey (including a comparative analysis of both local and state data) was shared with members. Survey topics shared today included functionality and priorities. Based upon survey feedback, the GSC and Great Start Parent Coalition will continue to be intentional about communication. The entire evaluation report can be accessed on the Ingham Great Start website.

IV. Review of the Updated Action Agenda for each Outcome Group

At the June GSC meeting, Outcome groups reviewed the FY18 Action Agenda for Activities completed; Activities scheduled to begin or continue in year 2; and the direction of Activities going forward. In July, Operations members used this information, along with TA received on logic-checking and performance measures, to update the Action Agenda for FY19. Operations members shared Action Agenda updates per Outcome group. The updated FY19 Action Agenda will be submitted to the state with the 32p Work Plan in September. (Due date September 15).

V. General updates

- **Trusted Advisors** – Funding for the Trusted Advisors' Grant ends 9/30/18. A summary of Trusted Advisor community outreach, beginning June to the present, was shared with members (Attachment 2). A large portion of funding from round one of the Trusted Advisors Grant was spent having materials (Ingham Early Learning Calendar; Kindergarten Readiness

Packet) translated into seven languages. Beginning in June of this year, Trusted Advisors had more opportunities to disseminate translated materials, as well as share messages about school readiness with families. Currently, 301 children/160 families have been reached through home visits, community events, churches, etc. Feedback from Trusted Advisors is positive, and families are grateful for this information. The Trusted Advisors are excited about the information they are sharing and would like to share with everyone they meet; however, they are encouraged to share only in Ingham County at this time.

- **Community Mental Health** – Fran shared information regarding support resources for families/caregivers with young children experiencing separation and trauma (specifically border separations). Contact Fran jozefowi@ceicmh.org for additional information.
 - [“Supporting Young Children Experiencing Separation and Trauma”](#)
 - [“Three Priorities for Babies at the Border”](#)
- **MI-AIHM Wheels** – Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health is having a sale on various products—including social emotional wheels.
- **32p Work Plan Due September 15** – The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 9/12/18; therefore, GSC members will receive email communication regarding submission of the 32p Work Plan. Ingham GSC received the allocation for the GSC 32p block Grant and there is a reduction in funding of approximately \$27,000. Reductions encompass all GSCs across the State of Michigan. More information regarding impact of reduced funding and GSC responsibilities may be known after the statewide GSC meeting on August 15.
- **Essentials of Literacy Train the Trainers** – Through Race to the Top funding, there will an opportunity for early childhood professionals to apply to attend a Training of Trainers for the *Essential Instructional Practices for Early Literacy for Pre-Kindergarten*. A total of 300 applicants will be trained across the state. It is recommended that stakeholders in the community work collaboratively to ensure the most appropriate individuals apply. Once trained, trainers will be responsible to provide at least three trainings about the Essentials to at least three different groups within twelve months.
- **Capital Area United Way** – CAUW is offering an opportunity for collaborative funding through a pilot. This pilot is scheduled to begin in October 2018 and commence in April 2019. Full collaborative funding opportunities are to continue after the pilot ends. **The grant application for this pilot is due August 24.** GSC members discussed tangible projects this funding source could support, including supports for literacy; translation services; training for the *Essential Instructional Practices*; continued Trusted Advisors support, etc. GSC members expressed support of the Collaborative moving forward with the application process and determining the project most feasible.
- **Ingham County Back to School Health Fair** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, from 12:00-5:00pm. Call 517.887.4311 for more information about vision and hearing screenings throughout the week.
- **Strong Start Healthy Start Diaper Program** – Scheduled for 8/16/18 from 4:00-5:00pm. Families who receive Medicaid, WIC or food assistance are eligible to receive one pack of diapers per child. Call or text Dana Watson 517.512.3074 or email at dwatson@ingham.org for additional information and to RSVP.

The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 9/12/18, 1:00 – 3:30 pm at Grace United Methodist Church.

Visit the Ingham GSC website at www.InghamGreatStart.org

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

Check out our Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/InghamGreatStart>

Register to Vote in Michigan

If you would like to participate in Michigan elections, you must register to vote with the Michigan Secretary of State, including at any branch offices, the offices of your local city or township clerk, and other state agencies.

What are the Voter Eligibility Requirements in Michigan?

To qualify for voter registration in Michigan, you must:

Be a U.S. citizen.

Be a resident of Michigan, and of the city/township you're registering in.

Be at least 18 years old by the next election date.

NOT currently imprisoned for a felony offense.*

*Your voting rights are restored once you are no longer incarcerated. You will need to re-register to vote.

When you visit the polling booths to vote on election day, you will need to provide identification, such as your:

Driver's license or ID card.

U.S. passport.

Military ID card.

Student identification.

Tribal ID card.

NOTE: If you're unable to provide acceptable photo identification, you can vote by signing an affidavit.

Just Moved?

Find all the information you need to finish your moving requirements with the DMV.

How to Register to Vote in Michigan

NOTE: You must register to vote in MI at least 30 days before the next election.

In Michigan, you can register to vote by mail and in person by submitting a completed State of Michigan Voter Registration Application (Form ED-121) to your city or township clerk.

You can also process voter registration at your local MI SOS branch office when you apply for a driver's license/ID card, or update your address.

Once your form has been processed, your city or township clerk will issue you a MI voter identification card.

NOTE: If you're registering for the first time and submitting your application by mail, you will be required to submit a copy of your photo identification. See the application form for further details.

MI Military and Overseas Voters

If you're currently living overseas or in active military duty, you may register to vote through the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

Just complete a Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (Form 76) and return it to your local Michigan election office by mail, e-mail, or fax.

The FPCA allows you to request absentee ballots for all elections in the calendar year that you apply.

You will need to re-submit a FPCA every year you are away and every time you change your address.

Absentee Ballots

MI allows residents to vote by absentee ballot if they:

Are 60 years old or older.

Require assistance voting at the polls.

Are incarcerated awaiting arraignment or trial.

Will be out of town on election day.

Not able to vote on election day for religious reasons.

Working as an election inspector outside your precinct of residence.

If you register to vote by mail you are required to vote in person in the first election in which you participate, unless you are an overseas voter, are disabled or are 60 years old or older.

Deadline to Register to Vote in MI

To be eligible to vote in Michigan, you must be registered to vote at least 30 days before the election date.

If you are unable to attend the polling booth on Election Day, you can request an absentee voter ballot. Your request for an absentee ballot must be received by 2 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

Check Your Michigan Voter Registration Status

To check the status of your voter registration information and view a sample ballot for the upcoming elections, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center on the Secretary of State website.

Change Your Voter Name or Address

You must re-register to vote every time you move to a new city or township in Michigan.

To update the name or address on your voter registration, simply re-submit the State of Michigan Voter Registration Application (Form ED 121) by mail or in person to your local city or township clerk or at a Michigan Secretary of State branch office.

You can also update your information online at the ExpressSOS website.

Helpful Websites:

<https://www.rockthevote.org/voting-information/michigan/>

<http://www.lwvmi.org/>

<https://promotethevotemi.com/faqs/>

Trusted Advisor Community Outreach

Purpose: To provide a brief summary of the data collected, since June 1st, 2018, from the Trusted Advisor's Community Outreach Data Logs.

As the Trusted Advisors communicate the message of the importance of Early Childhood education, they are asked to complete information on family demographics:

- Ethnicity
- Race
- Language
- Number of children 0-8 years old

| Trusted Advisor Community Outreach Log (as of 6/1/2018) | | |
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| Language | # of Families Reached | # of Children Reached |
| Arabic | 9 | 15 |
| Bemba | 1 | 4 |
| Burmese (Chin/Karen/Karenni/Rohinga) | 28 | 38 |
| Chaldean | 1 | 1 |
| English | 7 | 14 |
| Masalit | 1 | 1 |
| Nepali | 43 | 73 |
| Nyarwanda | 2 | 3 |
| Rundi | 5 | 14 |
| Somali | 23 | 71 |
| Spanish | 14 | 19 |
| Swahili | 26 | 48 |
| Total | 160 | 301 |

In addition, they report the means of communication by which the message is relayed to families:

- Early Childhood Calendar (paper copy)
- Kindergarten Readiness Packet (paper copy and/or PDF)

I have noticed that all means of communication are being utilized equally and more families are beginning to request the PDF versions of the Kindergarten Readiness Packet. Families are also excited to learn the translated versions of the Early Learning Calendars will be available soon online.

The feedback that has been received from the Trusted Advisors has been more than positive including:

- Parents are happy they can teach their children while they learn with them.
- They are thankful information is not only translated into a language they can understand, but also that there is also someone (the Trusted Advisor) who can clarify any questions they may have and/or show them how to do the activities with their children.
- Families in consortiums, other than Ingham, are asking for the translated calendars and packets because they have heard from friends and family how important the information is.
- Trusted Advisors are also able to explain how education, as a whole, is important.

There have been a couple of challenges Trusted Advisors have faced, but are working hard to surpass them:

- Some parents are stuck in their ways and are skeptic of learning new things.
- Parents may not be literate in their native language (reading).

To help alleviate these challenges, Trusted Advisors:

- Have taken time to read the packets and calendars to the parents.
- Explained how a strong bond between the children and parent can be formed when they spend more time together and learn.
- Showed parents that technology can still be used (tablet and T.V.), but through an educational aspect on a limited time basis.
- Shared with families they are available at any time to help with concerns or questions they may have.
- Will complete follow-up phone calls and/or home visits with families to ensure they have continued support.

The Trusted Advisor program has been such an amazing, informative and helpful project. Hundreds of parents and children may have never been able to learn the importance of early childhood education without this program. The Trusted Advisors and I are grateful to be a part of this team and look forward to continue teaching and supporting our bilingual community.