

Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Agenda, October 17, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair: Laurie Linscott **Time Keeper:** Corrie Mervyn

Present: Sondos Al-Hachim-Parent/Greater Lansing Islamic Center, Effie Alofoje-Carr-Ingham LLG, Oluwakemi Alomo-CACS Head Start, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Angela Barry-Lansing School District, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Destavioun Carr-Community/Parent, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Celeste Davison-Ingham County NFP, Kae Dubai-Parent, Kendra Gibbs-Eaton RESA SUT, Debbie Jones-Ingham County Family Court, Emily Mayer-ICHHD Intern, Tricia McKay-LCC Child Development, Jason Mellema-Ingham ISD, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Katie Price-South Lansing Ministries, Shelly Proebstle-Ingham ISD, Allison Richmond-Impression 5, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Mary Jo Wegenke-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

The 10/17/18 Meeting Agenda and 9/12/18 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

Inclusion Activity - Strengthening Families Parent Café Question

Today's Parent Café question aligns with the Strengthening Families Protective Factor Social and Emotional Competence of Children (Communication) *"Think back to when you were in grade school (or when your children were in grade school). How has the culture (beliefs, mindsets) about reading/literacy changed?"* Members discussed their responses with elbow partners.

II. Family Coalition Update

- **The FY2019 Family Coalition meeting schedule** was shared and is available on the [Ingham GSC website](#). Meetings are *generally* held the fourth Thursday of the month, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Family Growth Center (FGC). Dinner and childcare is provided. RSVP in advance for childcare at 517-371-1347. Contact Jessica Baker inghamgscparents@gmail.com or 517-899-4754 for additional information.
 - *Question:* What should I expect at a Family Coalition meeting?
 - *Answer:* Family Coalition meetings are a modified version of a Parent Café for parents/caregivers of children beginning at pregnancy through age 12. Meetings give parents/caregivers an opportunity to meet other parents, build a system of support in the community, and learn more about the Local Leadership Group/Ingham GSC. Topics covered include quality child care, preschool, after-school care, literacy, and other topics of interest to families. A resource or highlight of the month is shared at each meeting. At the October meeting, Jessica will survey families to find out what they would like to know more about (i.e. PTO, home visiting, MSTEP, scoring assessments, etc.). Meeting attendance averages four-six families, and there is always room for additional families.
- Jamie Yeomans suggested connecting with Amy Romback, publisher of Macaroni Kid for East Lansing, Okemos, Haslett (and soon to be Lansing) to advertise the Family Coalition meetings.
- **A November Parent Café Series** is scheduled for November 6, 13, and 27 at the Family Growth Center. RSVP in advance for childcare 517-371-1347. Contact Jessica Baker inghamgscparents@gmail.com or 517-899-4754 for additional information. View a Parent Café video on the [Ingham GSC website](#).

If you read these notes prior to coming to the GSC meeting or if you are currently reviewing these notes at the GSC meeting, please go see Stephanie during the October meeting note approval time for a token of our gratitude for being part of Ingham GSC!

III. Spotlight – Read by Grade Three Law Materials and K-1 Early Literacy Calendar

Ingham ISD Literacy Consultants, Shelly Proebstle and Mary Jo Wegenke presented the latest Read by Grade Three parent materials. These materials include the Ingham Family Literacy Calendar for K-1, Read by Grade Three Law, and sample letter for parents of kindergarten students and sample good cause exemption letter from parents to superintendent. These materials have been translated into seven other languages (Arabic, Burmese, Nepali, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, and Vietnamese) through Trusted Advisor grant funds. All documents can be found on the [Ingham Great Start](#) website in the [Document Library](#).

The Read by Grade Three Law, passed in 2016, *“requires schools to identify learners who are struggling with reading and writing and to provide additional help. The law states that third graders may repeat third grade if they are more than one grade level behind beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.”* Literacy proficiency scores reflect that Michigan ranks in the bottom 10 states; however, there has been recent positive growth. According to NAEP results – from tests given to a sample of students in every state in 2017 – Michigan ranks 35th in fourth-grade reading skills. That’s up from 41st in 2015, but still notably lower than the 28th the state was ranked in 2003, the first year Michigan participated in the test. More information can be found at <https://www.bridgemi.com/talent-education/nations-report-card-michigan-students-remain-back-class>.

Shelly and Mary Jo explained how supports are being put in place as teachers are trained to help families navigate requirements of the Law as they implement Individualized Reading Improvement Plans (IRIP) and Read at Home Plans for children who score low on literacy assessments. MDE has developed [“Facts for Families: What is the Read by Grade Three Law?”](#) More information can be found at [Michigan Department of Education](#).

IV. Outcome Groups

Members met in Outcome groups to discuss the following questions:

- How does the Spotlight on Read by Grade Three Law materials and K-1 Calendar align with Outcome group activities?
- Prioritize activities for first quarter of FY19.
- Review progress on activities since September GSC meeting.
- Identify next steps between now and November GSC meeting.

V. Outcome Group Share Out (Round Robin)

Members rotated from Outcome groups to review work from today’s meeting. Outcome group notes can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#).

VI. General Updates

- **Early On 54d Application** – For the first time, the State of Michigan has allocated funding statewide for Early On. Ingham GSC/ Ingham ISD has advocated for this change in Early On funding for some time, as Michigan was one of the only states to operate without this funding statewide. The funding for this year is \$5M. Ingham ISD submitted an application on 10/15/18 for \$154,000.
 - Ingham ISD will hire an additional Initial Service Coordinator with the funds. Data regarding Early On referrals shows an increase from 1,068 referrals in 2015 to 1,228 in 2018; thus an Initial Service Coordinator is necessary in managing the increase in referrals.
 - The current three-team Early On staff configuration would be divided into four teams.
 - This funding would also allow *all* Early On staff to receive reflective supervision.

- **Preschool Enrollment**
 - 4,010 applications have been received compared to last year at 4,194. Reasons for the slight drop in numbers could be due to removal of applications that are no longer considered viable (i.e. the family has moved)
 - Approximately 300 applications are for children ages two and younger. We try to connect these families to Ingham Play and Learn Groups and Great Parents Great Start home visiting services.
 - 1,860 children enrolled includes Head Start, GSRP, and tuition.
 - 177 children who were age eligible opted for early entry into kindergarten.
 - 346 children withdrew for various reasons—including program options did not meet the family’s needs (i.e. transportation, program scheduling, location, work schedule conflict) or the family enrolled in another program.
 - Currently, Williamston and Okemos have open slots; while Dansville and Liz’s Breadcrumbs have openings for full-day programming.
 - Ingham ISD received 22 additional part-day slots and are working with partners to find out who could use these slots. It is tricky at this time of year, as programs are already up and running; and 11 full-time slots are not enough to open a new classroom.
 - The new fingerprinting and back ground check requirements have posed a challenge for classrooms. Until a staff member is “cleared” under the *new* requirements, they are not allowed to substitute or be alone with children.
- **A concern was identified** at a GSC meeting months ago regarding children coming to school smelling like cigarette or marijuana smoke. This concern was shared with the Ingham Substance Awareness and Prevention (ISAP) Coalition. The Families Matter workgroup of ISAP then developed a flyer about the dangers of smoke of any kind (including vaping) to respond to this concern. The flyer can be found on the Ingham GSC website at <http://inghamgreatstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Smoke-is-Smoke.pdf>
- **Proposed Change** – Public Charge is a measure of services immigrants may be using that put their immigrant status at risk. Proposed change is to include receiving services such as Medicaid, housing, SNAP, etc., as Public Charge, which may ultimately impact a family’s immigrant status. Families may be forced to make a choice between receiving services, which would potentially impact their immigration status or not receive services, which may impact healthy development for young children. Public comments regarding Public Charge will be accepted through December 10, 2018. More information, including how you can take action can be found at [Zero to Three](#).
- **Infant Mortality Coalition** Each year, the Ingham County Infant Mortality Coalition (IMC) hosts an event designed to bring awareness to infant mortality in order to continue to inform our community. This year, the event will be held on Thursday November 8, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, 6520 Mercantile Way, Suites 1 & 2. To ensure adequate food/materials, please register at the link below if you’re able to attend:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ingham-county-infant-mortality-coalition-annual-meeting-tickets-49342299145>
- **[Cristo Rey Baby Shower & Health Fair](#)** – Scheduled for Friday, November 2, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at 1717 N. High Street, Lansing. Call 517-253-8250 for more information or to donate a basket for families.
- **Location Change** - The **November 14 Ingham GSC meeting** will be held at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Suites 1 & 2, Lansing](#).

**November Ingham GSC meeting 11/14/18,
1:00 – 3:30 pm, Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services
6520 Mercantile Way, Suites 1 & 2, Lansing**

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