

## Ingham Great Start Collaborative

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

Ingham GSC Meeting Notes, November 14, 2018, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

LOCATION: **Ingham Early Childhood Services – 6520 Mercantile Way, Suites 1 & 2, Lansing**

### I. Welcome and Introductions

**Chair:** Lucy McClintic      **Time Keeper:** Effie Alofoje-Carr

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Parent/Greater Lansing Islamic Center, Effie Alofoje-Carr-Ingham LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Krystal Davis-ICHHD, Kae Dubay-Parent, Mari Garza-CADL, Michelle Johnson-DHHS, Jackie Markey-ICHHD, Emily Mayer-ICHHD Intern, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Jason Mellema-Ingham ISD, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Rachel Murray-Parent, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Kristen Osterhouse-GSQ-Central, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Katie Price-South Lansing Ministries, Christina Redmond-DHHS, Allison Richmond-Impression 5, Amy Rombach-Parent, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-Parent, Mary Jo Wegenke-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

The 11/14/18 Meeting Agenda and 10/17/18 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) *"How are you involved in your child(ren)'s social life?"* Members discussed their responses with elbow partners.

### II. Family Coalition Update

- **Parent Cafés** – The November series continues, with one Parent Café held yesterday, and the final November Parent Café scheduled for 11/27/18. New families connect to Parent Cafés through Ingham Play & Learn groups, Early Head Start home visiting services, and the Ingham GSC website. Thank you to Ingham GSC partners for promoting the Parent Cafés.
- **Great Start to Quality** – As part of the 32p Workplan, Jessica is currently meeting with Great Start to Quality (GSQ) to connect with license-exempt childcare providers. Jessica plans to attend a GSQ orientation next week to meet license-exempt providers, and also plans to attend the license-exempt provider group the following week. The license-exempt provider group (along with their facilitator) are invited to the December 13 Family Coalition meeting. The connection to license-exempt providers aligns with the Ingham GSC Outcome 3 parent-led activity of collaborating with the Great Start to Quality Resource Center. Training materials focused on the Ingham Early Learning Calendar were previously developed for license-exempt providers and could be a resource for Jessica to use at Family Coalition. Jessica plans to update the Family Coalition brochure to include Great Start to Quality resources, along with other valuable information.
- **Cristo Rey Baby Shower** – The Family Coalition was represented at the Cristo Rey Baby Shower held on November 2, 2018. Information was shared with families regarding the Ingham Play & Learn Groups, preschool options, and a Great Parents Great Start referral was submitted.
- **Community Mental Health Zoo Days** – The Family Coalition participated in this event, held November 17, 2018, and distributed books and needed resources to attendees. This year's event had lower attendance than in previous years.

- Additional children’s books are available to give to families during various Family Coalition events.
- There will be no Family Coalition meeting in November. The next Family Coalition meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2018, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please rsvp, in advance, to [Jessica Baker](#) for \*childcare and dinner.
  - \*Per new regulations, the Family Growth Center requires families to complete paperwork, including the submission of immunization records, before families can use the childcare services during Family Growth Center open hours.
- More information about the [Ingham Family Coalition](#) can be found on the [Ingham Great Start](#) website.

### III. Spotlight

Amy Romback, publisher of [Macaroni Kid East Lansing-Okemos-Haslett](#), and most recently [Macaroni Kid Lansing](#), joined today’s GSC meeting to share information about Macaroni Kid. Macaroni Kid is a free website and newsletter that highlights news and family-friendly events throughout the community, and publishers throughout the nation are mostly moms. East Lansing-Okemos-Haslett site has approximately 2500 local subscribers. Amy has hosted activities such as the “Cool School” contest and “Kindness Rocks” movement. Amy welcomes articles and activities to share with families. A goal is to expand resources for older elementary children and teens. Outcome groups discussed alignment with Activities and Macaroni Kid.

### IV. Outcome Groups

Members met in Outcome groups to discuss and review the following questions. Outcome group notes can be found on the Ingham GSC website—[Ingham GSC meeting web page](#).

- How does the Spotlight on Macaroni Kid align with Outcome groups activities?
- Review progress on Activities since the October GSC meeting
- Identify the next steps between now and the December GSC meeting.

### V. Outcome Group Share Out

Members rotated from group to group to review progress and next steps.

### VI. General Updates

- GSC members were asked to provide feedback or input regarding preferred location for future GSC meetings—Grace United Methodist Church or Ingham Early Childhood Services. The responses received indicated a vast majority of members preferred to hold future GSC meetings at Early Childhood Services. Families are encouraged to continue to use Family Growth Center for childcare or be provided childcare reimbursement for arranging childcare with their own provider.
- 11/27/18 – Last date of Parent Café November Series
- Willow Tree Baby Fair – Planning will begin in January—with a proposed April date.
- Public Charge - The public comment period ends December 10, 2018. More information can be found on [Michigan League for Public Policy](#).
- The January GSC meeting will be held January 23, 2019. The May GSC meeting will be held May 8, 2019.

***The next GSC meeting is scheduled for 12/19/18,  
1:00 – 3:30 pm, at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services***

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