

# ***Ingham Great Start Collaborative***

## ***Meeting Notes***

08/21/19

1:00 – 3:30 pm

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center Parent, Effie Alofoje-Carr-LLG, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Kae Dubay-Parent, Mari Garza-CADL, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD GSRP, Barb Monroe–CRC, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Erkia Smith-MDHHS, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Dana Watson-ICHHD Maternal Infant Health, Francine Watts-Kinship Care, Jamie Yeomans-GSC Parent

**Chair:** Barb Monroe      **Time Keeper:** Jessica Baker

I. The 08/21/19 Meeting Agenda and the 07/17/19 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

II. **Inclusion Activity** – Strengthening Families Protective Factor Concrete Support in Times of Need, *“When you (or your family) have needed help, who has been there to help you, and how did they help?”* Members discussed with an elbow partner.

### **III. Family Coalition (FC) Update**

As part of Engaging Families in Early Literacy (EFEL), a Strengthening Families Parent Café training will be facilitated by Ingham Parent Liaison, Jessica Baker. EFEL partners are planning to begin programming in September.

The next [Family Coalition](#) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Call in advance for childcare, and contact Jessica for more information (517.899.4754 or [inghamgscparents@gmail.com](mailto:inghamgscparents@gmail.com)). Discussion will include back to school information, transitions, goals, and an overview of the Family Coalition. Other topics throughout the year will be based upon family input—what they want to discuss and presenters they would like to hear from. Other locations and times for meetings are currently being researched in order to reach more families in their “geographic locations.”

### **IV. Outcome Groups**

Members worked in Outcome groups to update the Action Agenda for FY20, which begins 10/01/19. The updated Action Agenda will be submitted with the

annual Application and Work Plan due on September 15. Progress from the Action Agenda is included in mid-year and end-of-year reporting. Positive feedback regarding the Action Agenda was shared with GSC members and included our work and activities are very system focused; and it's apparent that Action Agenda revisions were a collaborative effort. Additional time was spent in Outcome groups reporting on progress made and next steps for the FY19 Action Agenda. The FY19 Action Agenda can be found at [http://inghamgreatstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-21-FY19-Early-Childhood-Action-Agenda\\_32p.pdf](http://inghamgreatstart.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2018-21-FY19-Early-Childhood-Action-Agenda_32p.pdf); the updated FY20 Action Agenda will be posted once finalized.

## V. GSC Updates

- [CADL](#) is now offering the “[Library of Things Junior](#)” for their patrons. Items are geared for children ages 4-12 and include stem-based toys, Magnatiles, child-friendly robotic toys, American Girl dolls, etc.
- [Head Start](#) has new locations and partnerships including a Waverly classroom in Happy Elephant Childcare for parents needing wrap-around childcare. Special needs services will also be provided at this location. The Harvey Center in Mason is opening an early childhood wing in the near future, which will include a Head Start classroom. There is also a new classroom at the Eaton RESA. Head Start enrollment is currently going well with a low number of slots to fill.
- **International Literacy Day is Sunday, September 9/8/19.** EFEL Grant partners (Islamic Society of Greater Lansing, South Lansing Ministries, Refugee Development Center, WKAR, and Ingham GSC) are planning a kickoff at the [Islamic Center](#), 920 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Capital Area United Way will also be in attendance.
- On 9/6/2019, the Ingham LIG is hosting “[Home Visitor Speed Dating](#).” A networking event for all home visiting programs in Ingham County. This event will be held 8:30 -10:30 a.m. at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

## VI. Future Meeting Dates

09/18/19

All meetings are held 1:00-3:30 p.m., EC Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Lansing](#).

## VII. Adjournment

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