

# Ingham Great Start Collaborative

## Meeting Notes

01/22/20

1:00 – 3:30 pm

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Islamic Center and Parent, Effie Alofoje-Carr-Ingham LLC, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Wendy Boyce-Ingham ISD/GSC, Missy Challiss-ICHHD Lead, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD/Family Outreach Services, Kae Dubai-Parent, Krista Fuerst-Expectant Parent Organization, Alicia Guevara Warren-MSU Kinship Care Resource Center, Sage Hales-Ho-ICHHD Intern, Karen Hoene-Ingham ISD/Early On, Rose Jewell-PNC Bank, Kathy Kelly-Child & Family Charities, Adriana Leo-ICHHD/Strong Start Healthy Start, Laurie Linscott-MSU Child Dev. Lab, Lucy McClintic-CACS Head Start, Corrie Mervyn-Ingham ISD/GSRP, Rebecca Meszaros-Ingham Co DHHS, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC/Early On, Kristen Osterhouse-Central Resource Center, Robin Pizzo-WKAR, Olivia Reams-ICHHD Strong Start Healthy Start, Jennifer Ries-PNC Bank, Andrea Ryan-Stepping Up Together, LaTia Scates-30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Holly Smego-ICHHD/Children Special Health Care Services, Casey Sterle-Leslie Public Schools, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jamie Yeomans-Parent

**Chair:** Lucy McClintic

**Time Keeper:** Effie Alofoje-Carr

- I. The 01/22/20 Meeting Agenda and the 12/18/19 Meeting Notes were approved as stated.

### II. Inclusion Activity

Strengthening Families Resiliency Protective Factor *“Name something you plan to do this year to promote your own health (i.e. physical, social-emotional, financial, other?)”*  
Members discussed with elbow partners.

### III. Family Coalition (FC) Update

The [Family Coalition](#) meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. The January FC meeting was well attended with 40 parents/children present. Discussion included the importance of social-emotional health, goal setting for the new year, the 4 Early Childhood Outcomes and the GSC work that is happening within each. Feedback needed for Outcome group work could be gathered at a future FC meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2020, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Family Growth Center](#). Call in advance for childcare/more information (517.899.4754 [inghamgscparents@gmail.com](mailto:inghamgscparents@gmail.com)).

### IV. Spotlight: PNC Bank

Jen Sturdy shared information about the PNC Foundation and Mobile Learning Adventure. The Foundation recently celebrated 15 years of service and has pledged over \$5M toward [PNC Grow Up Great](#). The organization grants funds to community-

based non-profits for early education (beginning at birth) and includes arts and culture and economic development. PNC involves employees in their philanthropic work by granting them 40 hours per year of paid volunteer time each year at approved Grow Up Great Sites, which allows for unrestricted dollars to be designated to these sites. Currently, 75% of PNC employees take part in this program and list volunteering as one of their most rewarding experiences. PNC advocates for early childhood education through the [Grow Up Great Lesson Center](#)—an online tool with resources and lesson plans for teachers/families. PNC also does “crowd funding” to help community partners fund needed items (i.e. Fenner Nature Center Lending Lesson Library).

PNC is currently booking tour dates for the [Mobile Learning Adventure](#) for community events taking place June 4 thru 21, 2020 in Michigan. This traveling adventure focuses on the importance of early childhood education, invites children to participate in activities such as trying on costumes and “imagining” themselves in their future career. Contact Jen Sturdy at [Jennifer.Sturdy@pnc.com](mailto:Jennifer.Sturdy@pnc.com).

#### **V. Summary of Outcome group feedback regarding alignment with Spotlight:**

**Outcome 1** – Early childhood education focus once “baby” gets here.

**Outcome 2** – Provides resources; engages the community; provides empowerment to parents; provides volunteer opportunities to PNC staff; free resources such as Mobile Learning Adventure, especially for foster care.

**Outcome 3** – Including PNC lesson plans link in Kindergarten Readiness Packet. Distribute electronically. Connect early childhood providers (Early Head Start, Head Start, GSRP, and other providers) to PNC early childhood resources. Mobile Learning Adventure dates in Michigan overlap with Be a Tourist in Your Own Town. Fenner could be a great option. Refugee Awareness Week 6/17-6/24 and CADL/EL Library Summer Kick-Off.

**Outcome 4** – Classroom libraries and using Donors Choose to secure additional books.

#### **VI. Outcome Groups**

Members met in Outcome groups to review progress and discuss next steps. Members rotated to each group to review work from today’s meeting. Outcome group notes can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#)

#### **VII. GSC Updates**

- **Census 2020 Resources** – [Census Day is April 1, 2020](#). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire online, by phone, or USPS. Accurate Census data is critical in supporting community resources. If a 4-year-old child is not counted in 2020, funding for that child will be lost until the next

census—when the child is 14 years of age. The State of Michigan developed a [Low Response Scores Map](#) to assist with targeting geographic areas of concern for underreporting. In addition, the US Census Bureau created [Language Guides](#) to assist with potential language barriers. It was suggested creating a Census 2020 graphic/message for GSC members to share with friends, organizations, neighborhood associations, etc.

- [www.InghamPreschool.org](http://www.InghamPreschool.org) – Online application for families to connect to Head Start, GSRP, and tuition programs. The 2020-21 Application is now open. Two new features to the site are Google Translator to remove language barriers and “Share with a Friend” function. Ingham Preschool outreach materials were available for distribution at today’s meeting.
- **Engaging Families in Early Literacy (EFEL) Grant Update** – EFEL partner, the Islamic Center of East Lansing, shares information about the Read by Grade Three Law and encourages parents/caregivers to be involved with their child’s education. The Center holds playgroups Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. When the groups began, story time was challenging; and now children look forward to story time and sit on the floor to participate.
- [PBS Kids Day 2020 at WKAR](#) - This FREE event is scheduled for January 25, from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. This event will feature storybook character, Clifford, free books, an Ingham ISD/GSRP resource table, etc.
- **ICHD Women’s Health Center** is temporarily being moved to the River Oak Facility near Potter Park Zoo during renovations.
- [PNC Bank Mobile Learning Adventure](#) (MLA) – Outcomes 3 and 4 discussed scheduling the MLA in conjunction with [Be a Tourist in your Own Town](#), scheduled for June 6. World Refugee Awareness Week on June 17 might be another partnership opportunity.

**VIII. Evaluation** – Members shared one word to describe today’s meeting: informative, resourceful, progress, enjoyable, productive, collaborative, inspired, hopeful, busy.

#### **IX. Next Meeting Dates**

02/19/20, 1:00-3:30 p.m. at Ingham ISD Early Childhood Services, [6520 Mercantile Way, Lansing](#).

#### **X. Adjournment**

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