

Local Leadership Group Notes

March 3, 2021

1:00pm-2:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Melea Bullock, Lisa Chambers, Regine Cherry, Deanna Curry, Sara McMahan, Rebecca Meszaros, Antanea Robinson, LaSean Thompson, Melissa Threadgould, Jasmine Tucker, Kelly Uhlmann, Effie Alofoje-Carr, Jessica Baker, Kae Dubay, Kathy Kelly, Michelle Nicholson, Holly Smego, Sara Delacruz

1. Welcome/Introductions

What is your favorite book, author, genre or series? Thanks for the great discussion and suggestions!

2. February Meeting Recap

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Home Visiting Continuum

Continuum will be discussed at the April LLG meeting.

4. Great Parents Great Start

- Some communities will receive FFPSA expansion funding, including Ingham.
- PAT, NFP and Healthy Family models will receive the funding.
- \$2.2 Million to expand and will also receive Federal funding.
- 1,000 families will receive services statewide.
- Funding will specifically focus on children in the welfare system.
- GPGS will have 2 staff members added.
- Communities that received funding for NFP had a high volume of teen parents.
- Families will be identified through welfare and then referred for services.
 - The lowest categories will be referred
 - Will this impact public perception if families are identified vs. seeking services themselves
- At a previous meeting it was asked how Child Maltreatment was defined.
Child Maltreatment: Any recent act or failure to act on the part of the parent or caretaker which results in death; serious physical or emotional harm; sexual abuse or exploitation; or an act or failure to act, which presents an imminent risk of serious harm.

5. ReadyRosie

- Free resource for families in Ingham ISD service area for 0-3rd grade.
- Values parents as their child's first and best teachers.

- GSC was looking to create an Ingham Early Learning calendar app, but cost and time to develop an app was an issue. ReadyRosie aligns with the calendar and is an existing app.
- Video modeling to empower parents in supporting school readiness.
- Receive weekly text or email with short videos to watch. The videos include fun games or activities. Families can watch the video and the activities together.
- Register for ReadyRosie here: <https://app.readyrosie.com/en/register>
 - Register by zip code.

6. Parent Voice

Knowledge of Parent & Child Development:

Did your home visitor help you connect the dots that learning & reading begins at birth?

- Home visitor did encourage me to start reading to my son before I gave birth. Started reading books about colors etc. Now that he is 3, he is identifying things and saying big things.
- Early stages of home visiting they did not, but my focus was on breastfeeding. Down the line, I was encouraged but I didn't connect the dots until later. I would be ready for the next one!
- Home visitor would bring the books and resources. She also connected me to other resources that also helped with this understanding and helped to build my home library. I had to shift my mindset that learning and reading happens before they can read.

7. March Spotlight

CADL: Melissa Cole

<https://www.cadl.org/>

- Changes to service model due to Covid.
- Curbside pick-up and some computer access are being offered.
- Hope to have limited browsing available by May.
- Quarantine period is now 3 days.
- Grab and Go Bags
 - Give topics/age and a librarian will curate a selection of books
 - Schedule pick-up through mytime: <https://www.cadl.org/mytime>
- Make and Take Crafts
 - STEAM based
 - Available each week
 - All needed supplies are included
- Storytime To Go Kits
 - Songs
 - Rhymes
 - Book Recommendations
 - Crafts

- Library of Things
 - Only items that fit into the drop box are in circulation
 - Launch pads are being circulated
- Story Walks are available throughout the community
 - Different pages are throughout paths etc.
- Calendar for March is Reading Month
 - Complete the activities and pick-up a prize
- Virtual Events
 - Every child in Lansing School District gets a library card and can check-out 3 items and unlimited digital access. Includes preschools, but does not include charter schools or private schools. Contact Melissa to enroll other schools: colem@cadl.org
- Homebound Patron Services and Book Mobile visits different locations
 - Call the library to get a Grab and Go bag delivered via these services.

8. Updates and Announcements

- EHS: Katherine has left. Have a replacement but waiting for transition. Offering some in-person and virtual preschool.
- Sib Shop: 4/17 at 10am via zoom. Contact Holly: hsmeego@ingham.org
- Lead Program up and running. Contact Holly: hsmeego@ingham.org
- Empowerment Series: Family Matters
 - 4-week series, Tuesdays 12-1pm
 - 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27
 - Substance use/trauma
 - Smoking Cessation
 - Homelessness
 - Narcan Training
- Family Coalition meeting virtually
 - 3 Meetings each month: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 - Anyone can attend

<http://inghamgreatstart.org/parent-coalition/>