

Local Leadership Group Notes

June 2, 2021

1:00pm-2:00pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Present: Michelle Nicholson, Kae Dubay, Effie Alofoje-Carr, Rebecca Meszaros, Holly Smego, Kristy Rappe, Jessica Baker, Regine Cherry, Crista Rodriguez, Quintin Baptiste, Lisa Chambers, Melissa Threadgould, Tianna Leon, Wendy Boyce, LaSean Thompson, Jasmine Tucker, Melea Belton

1. Welcome/Introductions

Would you rather be banned from computer usage for a year or be banned from cell phone usage for a year?

2. May Meeting Recap

May notes were reviewed and approved by Melissa Threadgould and Michelle Nicholson.

3. CQI Updates

The CQI Team attended the Statewide Grantee Meeting at the end of May. The state provided some updates and each LLG shared their PDSA Cycle 1 summaries. Ingham LLG focused on increasing parent knowledge of home visiting programs in Ingham County. Our parent Leaders contacted parents in the community and performed pre and post surveys to measure their knowledge of home visiting services. The parents used talking points and the home visiting reference sheet to build knowledge. 5 parents were interviewed and all demonstrated an increase in knowledge and comfort in making referrals, both self and for someone else. Several reported an increase in comfort in home visiting. The parent leaders did a great job collecting this data for cycle 1. PDSA cycle 2 will be starting soon.

4. Great Parents Great Start

-A new parent educator has been hired that will begin June 3rd. She previously worked in Parents as Teachers and *Early ON* for several years. The new funding can be spread across all staff to help prevent burnout.

-A new supervisor, Michelle Sabo, has been hired for Great Parents Great Start (GPGS) and *Early ON*. The new supervisor will attend the next LLG meeting with Michelle.

5. 2021 Parent Panel Planning and Discussion

-The Annual Parent Panel will focus on father involvement this year.

-Quintin has agreed to help with the panel to get the dad perspective.

-Our goal is to help increase the fatherhood involvement in home visiting. How can the home visitors better engage the fathers?

-What information would be helpful to the home visitors/supervisors to hear from the dad?

-Quintin shared some core problems and solutions that can better engage fathers:

-Lack of role models for fathers-> Fathers can draw from their own positive experiences from their own fathers and look at other fathers as models. Fatherhood groups can help establish this.

-Lack of paid leave and flex time for fathers-> Family life can be adjusted around work schedules: having breakfast together instead of dinner; fathers can join home visits remotely from work, if possible, etc.

-How can programs that don't have a fatherhood facilitator or advocate make connections and better engage dads? Need to increase the available resources for dads.

6. Spotlight

ReadyRosie: Wendy Boyce

-ReadyRosie is a FREE early learning resource for kids birth to 8 years old who live in the Ingham ISD service area. Ready Rosie reinforces that literacy begins at birth.

-GSC Outcome Group 3 explored developing the Ingham Early Learning Calendar into an App. Due to the cost and time, it was determined that an existing app would be the best option and ReadyRosie was selected. It aligns well with the early learning calendar.

-The first year, June 2020-June 2021, of ReadyRosie was funded through a grant with Capital Area United Way. Funding for an additional year, June 2021-June 2022, has been provided by Ingham ISD, EHS and CADL.

-Families register via phone number or email through the access link. Each family only registers once and can add multiple children.

-Playlists created by ReadyRosie are sent out each week on Monday.

-ReadyRosie recently has worked to align the CDC milestones to the videos. A document lists all the milestones by age and the correlating videos that align with the milestones. Wendy will share this document with the LLG.

-Although ReadyRosie sends curated playlists each week, all the videos can be accessed on the ReadyRosie sight in the video library. You can search by topic and narrow down age and location. Wendy demoed a video and how to search.

-The videos are authentic and provide accurate portrayals of what the activities/games look like in action. The kids are not always 100% attentive etc.

-How do you see home visitors using ReadyRosie?

-Home visitors can create an account to use the videos during visits, encourage families to enroll and have some accountability/gentle reminders to view the videos.

-GPGS and *Early ON* are already using the CDC milestones so this would be a great additional resource.

-Wendy will share the ReadyRosie flyers with the LLG.

7. Updates and Announcements

-GG's Blessings will be hosting a community baby shower. Planning to get information out by June 12th and would like to have the event by the end of June. Please send any program information to Regine. If anyone is hosting any events, let Regine know.

-Home Visiting Conference registration is open.

-Next SibShop July 24th at 10am on Zoom. Email Holly with questions: hsmego@ingham.org

-MDHHS is piloting 1 day processing for food stamps. You will receive a determination the same day you apply.

-State of Michigan return to work date is July 12th.

-The cap for assistance has been raised from \$175 to \$350 but you need a shut-off notice or proof that balance will be added to property taxes.