

10/13/21 Ingham GSC Meeting

Outcome Group: 3 *“Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.”*

Outcome Group Members: Wendy, Mari, Kathy and Kae

Activities:

- 1.) School readiness Advisory Committee meets regularly and is comprised of required/recommended members (Outcome 3 members).
- 2.) Review Great Start Readiness Program data and make recommendations as outlined in Section 32d.
- 3.) Identify new locations for distribution of electronic/hard copies of K Readiness Packet, the Ingham Early Learning Calendar and the Family Literacy Calendar for K-1, including WIC, and pediatric offices. Distribute talking points to staff in these locations to engage parents and caregivers.
- 4.) ReadyRosie (RR) promotion and outreach to the community (i.e., faith based; offer RR website button to other organizations to add to their websites; explore inclusion in Resource Guides created by other organizations).
- 5.) Develop a plan to share preschool and school age care options to families as a part of the joint recruitment and Enrollment process (i.e., promote www.inghampreschool.org in various ways; work with the Resource Center to increase awareness of Great Start to Quality; refer parents to the Central Resource Center at 877-614-7328 and www.greatstarttoquality.org to assist in preschool and childcare search.
- 6.) Central Resource Center will work with providers on keeping GSQ profiles current and share with GSC regularly.
- 7.) Central Resource Center and Ingham ISD will work together in recruitment of childcare centers in becoming Community-based organizations (CBO) for GSRP.
- 8.) Central Resource Center will share Family Coalition events and activities with Ingham license-exempt providers Attending GSQ trainings; will include Family Coalition information in license-exempt communications; and increase awareness of license-exempt provider’s opportunity to care for school-age children.

- **How does the Spotlight (Women, Infants, & Children WIC) align with your Outcome group’s Activities?**

- Have they done any early literacy messaging? Would they be willing to hand out the calendars or ReadyRosie messaging?
 - There is a nutrition month in the calendar
- Do the GSRP classrooms know about WIC?
 - Promotion in the classrooms and/or nutrition night
 - May help reduce the drop-off of 1 and 2-year-olds
 - Help understand that WIC offers more than just formula
- Are there any opportunities to easily promote early literacy and ReadyRosie through WIC?
 - Newsletters
 - Ad space

- **Reflecting on the Inclusion Activity and the proposal of incorporating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion activities into GSC meetings, what are your thoughts and interest? How does Diversity, Equity and Inclusion align with and connect to your Outcome group?**

- Historically, access to quality preschool has not been equitable or inclusive
- Mindset of “free preschool” really aligns with the idea of implicit biases.
 - Help the families understand Universal Preschool and Head Start and that “free preschool” does not mean it is of less quality
- DEI Work: Outcome 3 agrees that this work should be included in GSC meetings
 - Many of the partners have DEI trainings but the idea of actively working on DEI as part of the GSC work is welcome among Outcome 3 members

- **What progress has been made on Activities since the September GSC meeting?**
 - Family Growth Center is promoting ReadyRosie and Early Learning Calendars
 - Jamie referred 53 families to ReadyRosie through playgroups and EFEL literacy workshop groups
 - All ReadyRosie access is through the community model
 - 1,168 ReadyRosie users
 - Increase in Lansing school district zip codes
 - Gaps in the rural areas
 - Internet access could be an issue
 - Awareness could be an issue
 - Kae shared ReadyRosie with the Williamston PTSA and did a short presentation. The ReadyRosie flyer was also shared with the PTSA president to disseminate to the families.
 - Kae shared ReadyRosie information with Williamston principals and preschool director
 - Wendy will be doing an application and enrollment day with Webberville to help fill the GSRP slots
 - Wendy attended Bless Fest over the summer and met the executive director of COGL. They are looking to connect with secular sources.
 - Wendy reached out to him to see how to make that connection
 - Ad space?

- **What are next steps to take on Activities by the November GSC meeting?**
 - Can we connect with Sparrow MIHP to help disseminate early childhood and literacy messaging?
 - Kae will connect Wendy with Sue at Sparrow MIHP
 - Faith Community Connections:
 - Kae will connect Wendy with Trevor Sutton at St. Luke