

# Ingham Great Start Collaborative Meeting Notes

03/09/22

12:30 – 2:30 pm

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Parent/Islamic Center, Bailey Anklam-CMH, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Quintin Baptiste-ICHHD Strong Start Healthy Start, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD Family Outreach Services, Carrie Chance-CACS Head Start, Sandee Donald-Ingham ISD, Kae Dubay-LLG Coordinator/LICC Parent Rep, Alex Gaitan-Flores-Ingham ISD Early On, Lili Gloe-MSU Psych Clinic, Michelle Gordon-Relief-Big Brothers Big Sisters, Anne Hughes-CMH, Terry Loynes-MSU Kinship Care, Tianna Leon-ICHHD Strong Start Healthy Start, Sarah Martin-Central Resource Center, Robin Melay-Pizzo-WKAR, Rebecca Meszaros-MDHHS, Barb Monroe-Central Resource Center, Travis Neller-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Michelle Nicholson-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Kristen Osterhouse-Central Resource Center, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Andrea Ryan-Stepping Up Together, Theodore Sinnaeve-CMH ARC Program, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-LLG Parent, Joni Zieldorff-MI-AIMH

- I. **Welcome, Introductions, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Activity: History of Racial Power in Early Childhood – [Indian Boarding Schools & Assimilation](#), Planning Team Member, Rebecca Meszaros.** Today's definition, *Assimilation* – the process in which one group takes on the cultural and other traits of a larger group. In the United States, the “melting pot” was a popular metaphor used to describe the expectation that 18th and 19th century European immigrant groups would assimilate into “American” culture rather than maintain an ethnic distinct identity. Members met in breakout groups to discuss examples of forced assimilation today and how best to acknowledge and honor these stories in our work today. (Terry Loynes shared a link to an article [“Michigan Governor Whitmer Calls for a Study of State’s Indian Boarding Schools.”](#))
- II. **Spotlight: Infant Mental Health and MI Infant Mental Health Association (MI-AIMH)**, presented by Endorsement and Training Director, Joni Zieldorff. View today's [Spotlight](#) or contact [Joni](#) 734-785-7705 Ext 7547 for more information. MI-AIMH supports families through the importance of infant mental health through work force development and training, resources, and advocacy. The annual conference will be held virtually May 9-11, 2022. Social Work and SCECH credits are available. Prices vary depending upon member vs non-member. Scholarships may be an option. (Anne Hughes shared a [link](#) to workshop speakers.)
- III. **Outcome Group Break-Out Questions:**
  1. How does the spotlight align with your outcome group?
  2. What progress has been made since the February meeting?
  3. What next steps will you take between now and the April meeting?
  4. Social Media Posts – Outcomes 2 and 3 only
  5. Ideas for future spotlights
- IV. **Updates:**
  - **[Family Coalition \(FC\) Meetings](#)** – All are welcome to attend via Zoom. The meeting link can be found on the [Family Coalition flyer](#). Schedule follows—Barb offered to share flyers along with mailings.  
**03/21/22 @ 6:00-7:00 pm**  
**03/24/22 @ 10:30-11:30 or 6:00-7:00 pm**  
Topic: Keep Calm and Read On! Supporting Your Child's Reading at Home and Beyond  
**04/18/22 @ 6:00-7:00 pm**  
**04/21/22 @ 10:30-11:30 am or 6:00-7:00 pm**  
Topic: Let's Talk It Out! Effective Parent and Child Communication

- **Parent Vitality Café Meetings** – The March meeting topic concluded advocating for your child’s education series. The April and May meeting schedule details are forthcoming. All are welcome to attend via Zoom.
- **The Ingham Racial Equity Cohort** presents “*The Impact of Incarceration on Children, Families, and Communities*” scheduled for 3/22/22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Register at MiRegistry with event code 105352. Learn more about the [SRC/Michigan Racial Equity Cohort](#).
- **ICHD** is working with Eaton and Clinton counties to review data indicators regarding access to health care, behavior, safety, and affordable housing.
- **WIC** formula recalls have created challenges for families. Contact [WIC](#) or check out social media pages to help families answer questions.
- CRC is gearing up for the Spring round of stabilization grants; Nancy Sherd retired in February; Brand Carr-West joined their team; CRC continues to engage providers in GSQ.

#### V. Evaluation Activity:

- Timing of the DEI Activity
  - At the beginning = 88%
  - In the middle = 12%
- Time spent in Outcome groups
  - Too much = 35%
  - Not enough = 12%
  - Just right = 53%
- Interest and comfort in resuming in-person meetings
  - Virtual only = 29%
  - Virtual and in person = 65%
  - In person only = 6%

#### VI. Adjournment & Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 12:30 – 2:30pm.

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