

# Ingham Great Start Collaborative Meeting Notes

04/13/22

12:30 – 2:30 pm

**Present:** Sondos Al-Hachim-Parent/Islamic Center, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD Family Outreach Services, Carrie Chance-CACS Head Start, Sandee Donald-Ingham ISD, Kae Dubay-LLG Coordinator/LICC Parent Rep, Marisela Garza-CADL, Terry Loynes-MSU Kinship Care, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDL, Sarah Martin-Central Resource Center, Corrie Mervyn-GSRP/Ingham ISD, 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, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-LLG Parent, Dana Watson-ICHHD Maternal Infant Health

**I. Welcome, Introductions, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Activity:** Presented by DEI Committee members Michelle Nicholson, Dana Watson, and Rebecca Meszaros: [Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Center of Excellence Racial Equity Toolkit and Kirwan Institute Implicit Bias Modules](#). Today's definitions:

- *Implicit Biases* – If you become aware of an unconscious bias and know when you are most likely to act on them, you can actively take steps to prevent it from influencing your decision-making: Reflect and make connections to how your attitudes influence your interactions; and seek out experiences and resources to help educate yourself around identities that you possess negative implicit associations toward.
- *White Privilege* - White privilege is both a legacy and a cause of racism and refers to white people having greater access to power and resources than people of color do [in the same situation]. Examples include but are not limited to:

Members completed the [How Privileged Are You?](#) checklist then met in groups to further discuss.

**II. Spotlight: Preschool Statewide Recruitment Campaign (Corrie Mervyn and Travis Neller)**

MDE has developed a toolkit for preschool promotion. "Powered by Preschool," is the theme of this campaign meant to raise awareness of the importance of preschool for brain development. This campaign is based upon Governor's Whitmer's three-year plan for all children to have access to preschool. Partners are encouraged to share toolkit materials (available in various languages) and messages on social media or download materials for print. Access the [toolkit](#) or contact [Corrie Mervyn](#) or [Travis Neller](#) 517-244-1246 for more information.

GSRP is also in the process of recruiting more preschool partners—centers with a three-star rating—and plans to attend community events to do on-the-spot enrollment over the coming months. Marketing materials such as yard signs, posters, tear-off pads, etc., are available; contact [Travis](#) for a kit. A reminder to share the preschool [application](#) link with families.

**III. Outcome Group Break-Out Questions:**

1. What do you expect from participating in GSC meetings?
2. What enhancement or ideas do you have for meeting? (format and content)
3. In person and virtual open discussion (poll results: a high majority chose in person/virtual preference for meetings)
4. Ideas for future spotlights

**IV. Updates:**

- [Family Coalition \(FC\) Meetings](#) – All are welcome to attend via Zoom.  
**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** – Wrapping up the last meeting for this school year. Cafés will resume in September:  
**05/03/22 @ 4:30 pm**
  - Topic: Advocating for yourself and for your family
- **04/27/22 [Preschool Registration](#)** (in person or online) event at Pattengill 1-3 or 5-7 pm
- **05/18/22 LLG Parent Panel** - Parents currently participating in a home visiting program are needed for this event. Challenges and successes of in-person and/or virtual visits is the focus. More information to follow. Contact [Kae Dubai](#) with questions or parents willing to participate.
- **Childcare** – Families in need of quality childcare should contact CRC at 517-336-3785.
- **[Broadband Survey](#)** – Encourage families to complete this survey to increase broadband services in Ingham County.
- **April is the Month of the Young Child** – Check out the [videos](#) on the CRC's FB page!
- **April is Autism Awareness Month** – Read more about [Jordyn's Summer Shirt Project](#) in support of Autism.

**V. Adjournment & Next Meeting Date:** May 11, 2022 @ 12:30 – 2:30pm, meeting details to follow.

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