

Ingham Great Start Collaborative Meeting Notes

08/10/22

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Present: Sondos Al-Hachim-Parent, Jessica Baker-Parent Liaison, Quinten Baptiste-ICHHD/Strong Start Healthy Start, Tracie Bolton-ICHHD, Kelli Bowers-MLPP, Lisa Chambers-ICHHD, Kae Dubay-LLG, Anne Hughes-CMH, Marisela Garza-CADL, Laurie Linscott-MSU CDL, Sarah Martin-Central Resource Center, Robin Melay-Pizzo-WKAR, Rebecca Meszaros-MDHHS, Barb Monroe-Brianna Muiriel Mckerracher-MSU Kinship Care, Travis Neller-Ingham ISD/GSC Co-Coordinator, Kelsey Perdue-MLPP, Theresa Pittington-Cristo Rey, Rachel Prozen-Child & Family Charities, Stephanie Thelen-Ingham ISD, Jasmine Tucker-LLG/Parent, Dian Warren-CACS Head Start

Welcome and DEI Inclusion Activity

GSC members met in breakout rooms with the task of learning five distinctive things (not job related) that at least three of the group members have in common. Feedback was shared with all members and included: pets; food; degrees; siblings; kids; travel; glasses; tailgates; flown on an airplane; been to Disney; etc.

I. Spotlight: Kelsey Perdue of MLPP Presented Recently Released Kids Count Data

Kelsey presented the importance of the Kids Count data and how it directly relates to the GSC Outcomes and ongoing work in guiding legislators in policy recommendations. Notable data includes continued challenges—although Michigan’s median income has steadily increased, there are 550K children/young adults living in poverty; and 38% of Michigan households (44% of children) cannot afford basic necessities; less than half of Michigan’s third graders are reading on track; infant mortality remains a concern; and Michigan is at the bottom compared to the Nation with developmental screenings for toddlers. New datasets will be available to GSC members in September. Members will receive a webinar invitation to view the new data. Today’s presentation can be found on the [Ingham GSC website](#).

II. Outcome Group Break-Out Work:

Members worked in their respective Outcome groups to review the FY22 Action Agenda

1. Review Kids Count data within Outcome groups.
2. Facilitators provide a summary of the FY22 Action Agenda review and FY23 Action Agenda planning from the August Operations meeting.
3. GSC members provide feedback.

III. Updates:

- **Family Coalition (FC) Meetings** The Annual Parent Panel was held (virtually) in July. The discussion topic was parent feedback regarding home visits during Covid. Meetings are to reconvene beginning in September with a new flyer soon to be shared through the GSC listserv. Meetings will be virtual and are planned for the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Watch the [GSC website](#) for upcoming meeting dates. The Family Coalition is always recruiting more parents. If you know of a parent/family who would benefit, please reach out to [Jessica Baker](#).
- **Discussion re GSC Dates/Times for FY23** will continue and a survey will be shared with members.
- **WKAR Century of Service** plans are underway in celebration of 100 years of service.
- **Racial Equity Leaders Cohort** to provide workshops through [MiRegistry](#) in June and November. Providers can earn continuing education credits.

V. Adjournment & Next Meeting Date: September 14, 2022 @ 12:30 – 2:30pm, Virtual