

## Local Leadership Group Agenda

November 3, 2021

1:00pm-2:30pm

### Virtual Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82777347565?pwd=ZWQ1VG1DRXN0bHV2L3JOL3dsMGpVQT09>

Present: Beth Walker, Michelle Nicholson, Lisa Chambers, Kristy Rappe, Regine Cherry, Mary Machowicz, Jasmine Tucker, Michelle Hill, Kathy Kelly, Jessica Baker, LaSean Thompson, Michelle Sabo, Antanea Robinson, Aaliyah Foreman, Kae Dubay, Melissa Threadgould

#### 1. Welcome/Introductions

**What is something that you are thankful/grateful for?**

#### 2. October Meeting Recap

October notes reviewed and approved. Lisa Chambers 1<sup>st</sup>, Kristy Rappe 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### 3. Great Parents Great Start

Waiting to begin receiving referrals from CPS. It should be within the next few weeks. There was some confusion during the training of the CPS workers determining who will be referred.

#### 4. HV Continuum

In the past, the Ingham LLG has offered PD events in addition to the Parent Panel. Due to Covid, we only offered the Parent Panel last year. The members expressed interest in having another PD event this year. Planning to do another Home Visiting Speed Dating event to help reconnect all of the home visiting services in Ingham County and also focus on Covid protocols and family engagement. Tentatively scheduled in February or March of 2022.

#### 5. Home Visiting Table Approval

Both Home Visiting Table and Reference Sheet were approved. They will be posted on the GSC website.

#### 6. Parent Leader Materials

The steering team has been working to revamp the current Parent Leader Materials. The goal is to better utilize the parents and incorporate them more into the meetings. A new Parent Leader recruitment flyer has been drafted. Working to get it ADA compliant. Once that is complete, it will be shared with the LLG and ask the home visitors for help in recruitment.

#### 7. Parent Voice

***What benefits have you seen from continuing to receive home visiting services during this past year?***

-Parent #1: Missed a lot of the visits but when she did attend, it was a weight off of her shoulders. Home visitor tried to support mom with resources while she was struggling.

-Parent #2: Was not actively involved in home visiting but was connected with other networks. Had lots of support while her son was enrolled and then was connected with other resources including a national program. Now mom is a voice for families to ensure that they receive the best services.

-Parent #3: Son is in Head Start Preschool. The transition period was great because they were supported. Son received all the supports and services that he needed. The resources that best supported him and mom were the everyday activities to help him thrive emotionally and developmentally.

What would be the most helpful to the families during this transition to preschool? Home visitor supporting, preschool staff supporting or both?

-Parent #1: The home visitor would be best to make the handoff to preschool and then a slow transition from the home visitor to the preschool staff.

-Parent #2: Both would be great. Having the home visitor go into the preschool to provide the additional services where some extra help is needed would be beneficial.

\*Initial models for home visiting were based on a mixed delivery of home and school-based services. Need to look deeper into this to best support the continuum of services.

## 8. Spotlight

### ***Michelle Hill: Clothes Closet***

Clothes closet opened January 2020 at the Holmes Road Church of Christ and offers gently used clothes that are free of charge to those who need them. There is a large selection of sizes available. Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10-2pm and 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1-3pm each month. Items available include: maternity clothes; women's and men's clothes; kid's clothes; coats; hats; shoes; baby supplies; toys; books; movies; household items; décor and craft supplies. They are always looking for donations. Currently no limits on the number of items. Children do not need to be present and no appointment is needed. Some of their clientele include refugee families, foster kids, and families who have had house fires. This is great service for our community!

## 9. Updates and Announcements

Sibshop November 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12 Virtual. Contact Mary with any questions. [mmachowicz@ingham.org](mailto:mmachowicz@ingham.org)

**Next meeting: December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1pm**