

02-09-22 Ingham GSC Meeting

Outcome Group: 2 “Children are healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.”

Activities:

- 1.) Identify racial equity tools early childhood providers can use with families during program or service intake, assessment, and planning.
 - 2.) Promote anti-racism work of Ingham Racial Equity Leaders Cohort Team (DEI webpage—culturally-responsive books and resources, Spotlights, trainings (on MIRegistry and available to license and license-exempt providers.)
 - 3.) Support kinship advocacy actions by being aware of related policies; writing a letter(s) of support, etc.
 - 4.) Utilize Strengthening Families framework for Great Start Family Coalition (GSFC) and kinship caregivers to connect to Parent Cafés (Central Res Center to support Ingham Parent Liaison in becoming approved trainer on MIRegistry.)
 - 5.) Identify and share resources with GSC, community, and families in support of overall child/family health, determine if there are gaps, recognize May as social-emotional awareness month.
 - 6.) WIC (Spotlight); Great Start Family Coalition (GSFC) to present to WIC staff to connect families to GSFC; WIC to solicit feedback at GSFC meeting on their use and satisfaction with WIC; WIC to share breastfeeding info at a GSFC meeting; GSFC to collect/submit sign-in sheets to WIC for educational opportunities for WIC families to receive potential credits; Resource Center to share WIC information in RC communications (newsletters, FC, emails).
- **How does the Spotlight align with your Outcome group Activities?**
 - Interesting presentation with valuable resources.
 - Cultural brokers are used in the Early On Program. (i.e., speech therapy is so very vital.)
 - Curious about how many members in a family come to the US
 - It’s interesting what methods are used by employers to prepare us/staff to work with different cultures?
 - Most learn as they go, sometimes with no preparation; however, this may depend upon the culture.
 - It may take a few visits to build trust before services (speech) can begin.
 - Approach new families with kindness and understanding, assure them they are welcome here, and I am here to help!
 - **What progress has been made on Activities since the January GSC meeting?**
 - **Andrea** – Is wrapping up [MiRegistry](#) presentations. There was a slight registration glitch, thus not as many people attended. Info will be shared via the GSC listserv.
 - **Andrea** - Reached out to Jessica and Kae to interview them about what they do with families.
 - **Rebecca** – Unfortunately, the Foster Care Services staff is experiencing an overwhelming staff shortage.
 - **Rebecca** – Shared ReadyRosie with staff. Staff is also interested in more info about the Family Coalition meetings. Will share the meeting flyer with future dates when available.
 - **Rebecca** – Shared Lili’s flyers with staff and received positive feedback.
 - **What are next steps to take on Activities by the March GSC meeting?**
 - **Andrea** – To launch the interview and MIRegistry workshop.
 - St. Vincent Catholic Charities to deliver meals to Afghan refugee families.
 - Add items to GSC website in honor of Black History Month.