



**Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2022 IN-PERSON**

HCISD Admin Building; 310 W Bacon St. Hillsdale

Laura Orłowski, Jonesville District Library	Kayla Horton, HCISD	Wendy Playford, GSC
Abbey LoPresto, DHHS	Andrea Bricker, Integro	Yvonne Parker, CAA
Angie Turner, CAA	Trista Rink, CAA	Kris Dewey, BHSJ CHA
Amey Little, BHSJ CHA	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC	Mari Nunez, Jonesville Schools
Chris Firestone, LifeWays	Brooke Rains, Child Care Network	Christine Gjestland, Highfields

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. GSC Office Updates

- Director Report
 - Spotlight on Initiatives of Trusted Advisor Grant
 - About ½ way through
 - Soft launch of Welcome Baby Visits for May with full launch by June 1st
 - Social Emotional Learning Kits - What's Next?
 - 12 months, 18 months, 2, 2.5 years of age
 - Distributed about 18 kits at Spring Fling
 - Parents do sign up
 - Indicate age of children
 - Send them the correct kit
 - Parents sign up at each interval
 - All is while supplies last - initially 25 kits at each age range
 - Feedback survey will go out to families
 - Share the flyer and encourage families to sign up
 - New GSC tri-fold brochure

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- Please replace the old one in your offices, waiting rooms, etc.
 - Other
 - Talking is Teaching Environmental Prompts and Physical Spaces
 - Book Nook at the Health Department in which they distribute Talking is Teaching materials
 - We have one in storage (that we need a home for) and funding for me
 - Other locations - please reach out to Stef
 - Safe Sleep
 - Safe Sleep Books available through grant opportunity from Charlie's Kids Foundation
- Parent Liaison Report
 - Save These Dates - Upcoming Opportunities
 - Child Care Informational Zoom - April 19th
 - Grant Funds that are available
 - One morning offering 11:00 am
 - One evening offering 6:30 pm
 - What is the process all about?
 - Parent Education Night - Andrea Bricker
 - April 26th, Zoom @ 6:30 pm
 - Literacy Pop-Up
 - May 10th @ Udder Side
 - 4:30 pm - 6:30
 - How to Find Quality Child Care in Hillsdale County
 - June 9th 6:30 pm
 - Virtual offering
 - Story Walk
 - August 13th
 - Community Baby Shower
 - August 20th
 - PLAY
 - June, July, and August
 - If you want to be involved in the planning, please email Wendy or Stefanie

3. Subcommittee Reports

- Child Care
 - We do have enough funding to help 7 to 8 others to start up
 - Please send anyone with interest our way - providers can continue to limit the number of children they take - don't have to open at capacity.
 - Childcare appreciation during the month of May

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- Hosting a Taco Tuesday night for all home child care providers in the county; RSVP required; Kristy will be sending out flyer
 - Gift cards for recognition to Head Start and GSRP staff
 - Community Resources
 - Google Group and Resource Guide Promotion
 - Sharing the Resource Guide Pages on Social Media
 - Community Baby Shower Promotion for agency representation
 - Literacy
 - Story Walk - August 13th
 - Literacy Pop-Ups - May 10th
 - Family Literacy Night at Jonesville Library - was a successful well attended event
 - Pediatric & Family Health
 - Community Baby Shower on August 20th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm @ Hillsdale High School
 - Next workgroup meeting is April 27th at 10:30 am - if you would like to join please reach out to Stef or Wendy
 - Initiative in the works to get more collaboration and connection with community medical providers
 - Medical Providers Spotlight
 - Numbers of staff at each office
 - Taking a gift basket with individual components
 - GSC information
 - Launching in September
 - School Readiness Advisory (May)
4. Community Updates
 - Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
 - Agency Updates
 - Christine from Highfields will be moving to private practice
 - Jen Houston has moved to private practice in Jackson as well
 - Brooke shared that Care Network was awarded the Tri Share Grant
 - Helping families afford childcare
 - Employer pays 1/3, Family pays 1/3, and grant pays a 1/3
 - Andrea from Integro shared the following:
 - Infant Mental Health Conference
 - May 9th-11th
 - Early Bird Registration ends April 18th, 2022 @ midnight

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- Stefanie shared on behalf of Christie at CAPA
 - April 30th
 - Food Trucks 3pm -7pm
 - Kids run 4
 - 5k @ 5 pm
 - Rally for Child Abuse Prevention month to be held at courthouse lawn on April 21st at 12pm
- Kris from BHSJ Community Health Agency
 - Transitioning back to in person appointments
 - Questioned whether clients taking the books home from the reading nook is problematic?
- Yvonne Parker with CAA
 - Hiring teachers and assistants for Head Start
- Stefanie reminded everyone that preschool registration is open and encouraged participants to take flyers and tear off sheets for their office areas

Next Meeting...May 16th

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