



**Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes  
December 2022**

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1. Welcome/Festivities/Introductions
2. GSC Office Updates - Stefanie and Wendy provided report:
  - a. Rescheduled Safety Fair Planning Meeting
    - i. Waiting on results of doodle poll from those who had expressed interest; will either be week before Christmas Break or first week of January
  - b. Great Give
    - i. Final Totals will be sent out from Foundation soon, including anything that may have come in online after hours
    - ii. Did not meet goal however all funds raised were funds we didn't have prior to participating in Giving Day
  - c. Several events canceled/rescheduled due to ransomware attack in November, including Parent Coalition meeting, Game Night and Child Care Provider networking night
  - d. Other upcoming events
    - i. Winterfest
      1. December 8th from 5:00-6:30 pm
      2. Still looking for and open to agencies that want to participate in Winterfest - please let Stefanie know
    - ii. Parent Coalition
      1. December 13th
        - a. Two time slots:
          - i. 11am and 4pm
      2. Jilly Beans in Jonesville

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iii. Pajama Party  
1. January 12th

3. Subcommittee Reports

- Child Care - Stefanie on behalf of Kristy
  - Pathways to Licensed Care grant through HCCF has ended. We were able to utilize all of the funds with the extension we were allowed. Five potential providers are still in the process of becoming licensed with 6 who have completed (2 of whom are licensed for group home care). Five that began the process have dropped out along the way and are not planning to move forward in the process at this time.
  - The Child Care Provider Networking Night was canceled in November due to the ransomware attack. It will not be rescheduled; the presenter will be utilized for the next scheduled meeting in March.
  - Creative ways to reach our manufacturing community
    - Goal is to do another Child Care Forum next fall
    - Quarterly newsletter to HR departments across the county, to build some enthusiasm/interest in learning more about child care in Hillsdale County. First newsletter should get disseminated in December.
- Community Resources - Andrea
  - Social media training from MSU extension
    - 3 workshops on three related topics
    - final topics will be determined once results of survey are reviewed
  - Community Resource Guide
    - How to continue to market and build awareness around resource guide
    - Window clings
  - Intentionally trying to look at partnerships with fresh food distribution centers
    - How can we support them?
    - Building awareness
    - Helping families learn how to utilize fresh food
    - Hoping to build into next year's strategic plan
  - WIC
    - Nutritional program through the health department
    - Underutilized
    - Marketing and partnership
    - Physical activity and nutrition piece
    - Encourage participation
- Literacy
  - Game Night
  - Pajama Night
  - Craft Night

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- March is Celebrate Reading Month
- Literacy Hub Grant - Kayla will have an update in January
  - Past initiatives have been spotlighted in the state newsletter
- Book Borrowing Bins are going to be reinstated as Book Donations to interested locations twice a year
- **Pediatric & Family Health**
  - Recognition baskets for medical providers/offices
    - Assortment of goodies in the baskets:
      - Fruit
      - Nuts
      - Playdoh
      - Stress balls
      - Pop it keychains
      - GSC information/marketing materials
  - so far have gone to My Community Dental Center, Dr. Shall's office, CPIF Resource Solutions (one of our Maternal/Infant Health Providers)
  - Lunch and presentation with the Pediatric Place scheduled later this week
  - Implementing marketing plan for the Welcome Baby
    - Increase the number of families registering
  - Increasing opportunities and awareness of doula services
  - Subcommittee members have been making deliveries and have had positive feedback
    - A lot of planning and thoughtfulness that went into planning
- **School Readiness Advisory**
  - Please refer - three or four year olds interested in open enrollment
  - Applied for and received the waiver for over income spots
    - 4 year olds specifically
  - Info from the state, in regard to allocations have been updated and are coming out
  - Data Dive
    - Ages and Stages Questionnaire Data
      - More children scored to be referred in fine motor and social skills
      - More children scored on target for communication and problem solving
    - TS GOLD
      - Across the board all scores were higher than last year
      - Scored lower:
        - Fall
          - Use of conventional grammar
          - Shows flexibility and inventiveness in thinking
          - Time and money

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- Preschool Connect Group
    - Virtual week
    - Two events:
      - In person events
    - Next meeting is THIS Friday via zoom
- 4. Strategic Planning Activity/Follow Up from November Brainstorming
  - a. Activity
- 5. Community Updates
  - Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
    - 135 referrals to Early On since July 1st
      - Currently servicing 120ish children
    - Winterfest
    - Early On Conference in November
    - A few applicants for the new position/posting
    - SSIP for social emotional
      - 18 month long cohort
      - Went through trainings
      - Progress monitoring social emotional development
  - Agency Updates
    - CAPA
      - Charity Ball is February 18th
      - Tickets for sale
    - 211
      - Referral system
      - All things health and human service
      - Email request to make sure data and information is up-to-date
    - Health Department
      - An increasing number of parents are refusing childhood vaccines
      - All vaccines every Wednesday in Hillsdale
      - Not too late for a flu shot
    - Domestic Harmony
      - Christmas efforts in full swing
      - 70 families
      - Tags for kids for Christmas
        - Birdies & Howell
        - Healthies of Hillsdale
    - Hillsdale County Community Foundation
      - Youth mini grants up to \$500
      - Scholarship application is open
        - Women that is not a traditional (age 20+)
        - Seniors in high school

**Next Full GSC Meeting: January 9th**

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