

Family Coalition Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Ice breaker – Share Thanksgiving memory or upcoming plans
3. Old business
 - Get Your Game On Recap – 9 families, 16 kids, knowledge nugget handed out (socialization)
4. New business
 - The Great Give 2023
 - Annual Report – shared report and attached it to the end of the minutes
 - Offer a Great Give Letter to share
 - Brief overview of this months GSC meeting and subcommittee meetings
 - Great Start Collaborative – Presentation given by Tosha Burger on Triple P: Positive Parenting Program. Announced the What’s Next? Kits were close to ending and will be having a discussion at December meeting on next steps.
 - Feedback was taken and will be shared at Dec 4 GSC meeting
 - Literacy Subcommittee – Spent the majority of the time discussing ways to continue and expand the Talking is Teaching campaign. Next month will be discussing places to add to the Hillsdale County Kids Read program.
 - Ideas from parents: DHHS, Secretary of State, Gossage Eye, Staffing Agencies, ER, Dr. McCance office
 - Community Resource Subcommittee – Continuing to make the conversion from a Publisher document to a Canva document for the Resource Guide. Talked about our partnership with WIC and how we can increase our efforts with them.
 - Prenatal and Pediatric Health Subcommittee – Community Baby Shower date discussion. Welcome Baby visits marketing efforts. Future meeting to have local doulas invited to discuss ways to partner.
 - Child Care Subcommittee – Discussed the Child Care Chirp and different groups to email out to HR departments. Child Care Appreciation will still happen in May.

- Preschool Leadership and Advocacy – Discussed data from preschool survey and the process in which it was collected.
- Little Free Libraries –
 - Hand out Lanyards and bookmark/signage
 - New locations in outlying areas updates –
 - Waldron – Met with resident who is interested on Nov 15
 - Pittsford – Meeting set with owner of DJ’s for Nov 27
 - Camden – Phone conversation with Robin at village office. Presenting to council on Nov 13. Council is not interested in a LFL at this time.
 - Possible location – Cambria Church
 - Litchfield – Meeting set with city manager Nov 29
 - CASA – need to have conformation from landlord on installing on brick wall
 - Michigan Works – Library ordered and will be installed by ISD staff
 - New location ideas – Oakhaven Party Store, CAA, Family in Litchfield
 - Updated Flyer
 - Due to a location being removed
- Knowledge nuggets for the upcoming year
 - Review samples and choose topics for upcoming months
 - Positive bedtime routines was chosen for January
- Winter activity list creation
 - Discussion on possible simple activities
 - Ideas to look into and possibly set up:
 - Free Play 3rd Friday of month since Hillsdale Library does 1st Friday
 - Sledding / winter fun activities at Hayes with access to bathrooms and warm up area
 - Possibility for next year looking into a Christmas shopping drop off day
 - Review Winter time Idea sheet – Discussion had on travel ability during winter and ideas given, will update the page for review at December’s meeting.

5. Upcoming events

- Winterfest – Dec 7

After meeting books given to Little Free Library stewards – 30 books

Next Parent Meeting – December 19, 2023

Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative Annual Report FY 2023



The Great Start Collaborative is a group of local community partners and parents/caregivers who work together to meet the needs of the early childhood system, addressing the following areas:



- ★ Children are born healthy.
- ★ Children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from birth to third grade.
- ★ Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry.
- ★ Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

Funding Sources

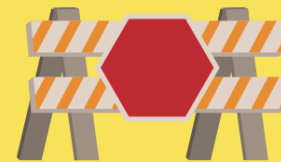
- Michigan Department of Education - 32p Block Grant, Literacy Hub Grant, Trusted Advisor Grant
- Hillsdale County Intermediate School District
- Hillsdale County Community Foundation
- Donations



3,000+




books provided to children



Barriers Addressed to Support Family Participation

- Provided **347** gas cards to assist with transportation
- Provided **465** meals and/or food gift cards
- Provided recordings of meetings for parents who work but still wanted to have a voice in Great Start Collaborative efforts

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 Great Start Hillsdale County

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education

Events



Summer PLAY Events
125 children • **61** families

StoryWalk®

130 children • **65** families

Themed Winter
Activities



104 children • **55** families



FREE FAMILY SAFETY FAIR

262 children • **194** adults • **127** families



Literacy Pop-Up's
189 children • **93** families

Child Care Forum
14 participants



Book Drive
Just over **19,225** used
children's book collected

Initiatives

Talking is Teaching
6 Book Nooks Installed
in community settings
190 Kits distributed for
at home learning



Hillsdale County
Kids Read
180 books provided
to local businesses

Child Care Start-Up Funding
supported opening **10** new
licensed child care homes



Little Free Library.

Take a Book. Share a Book.

8 Little Free Libraries with
roughly **850** books provided

Hillsdale County
Resource Guide
50+ pages



Books for Babies
260 bags distributed through
Hillsdale Hospital Birthing
Unit and the WIC Office

Welcome Baby
33 home visits provided

