



**Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Agenda
February 28, 2022 via Zoom**

Rozeanne Pauze, Grandparent	Kris Dewey, Community Health Agency	Angela Turner, CAA
Christine Gjestland, Highfields	Trista Rink, CAA	Andrea Bricker, Integro
Yvonne Parker, CAA	Maria Ansett, Karen's House & St. Anthony's Family Center	Sara Clark, Parent
Kelly Castle, Parent	Abbey LoPresto, DHHS	Christie Campbell, CAPA
Mindy Wilson, HCISD	Sharron Elliott, Michigan Works SE	Brooke Rains, Child Care Network
Barb Brick, CPIF Resource Solutions	Chris Firestone, LifeWays	Mari Nunez, Jonesville Schools
Linda Wise, HCISD	Kayla Horton, HCISD	Stefanie Rathburn, Great Start Collaborative
Wendy Playford, Great Start Collaborative		

1. Welcome/Introductions

a. Engagement Activity - Mari

i. Five Senses

1. 5 things you see
2. 4 things you feel
3. 3 things you hear
4. 2 things smell
5. 1 thing you taste

ii. Present in the moment/grounded

2. GSC Office Updates

● Director Report

○ Funding

■ Trusted Advisor Grant

- Welcome Baby Visits newborn up to 6 months eligible to receive a visit
 - Collaborative effort
 - projected launch date May

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- Visit to take a gift bag/basket/box - with resources and tools for new parents
- What's Next
 - SEL initiative
 - Kits that families can get at different ages from 1 year to 2.5 years
 - Hoping to launch at Spring Fling later in March
- Intentional Outreach for male caregivers to participate in this year's Community Baby Shower
- Books for Babies
 - Began dissemination at the beginning of February
- Healthy Senior Healthy Youth Grant
 - approved for funding the literacy pop-ups
- Potential funding increase - \$9 million for GSC across the state
 - Since the inception of GSC, there has never been a funding increase
 - Funding to Support our efforts
- Opportunities for community businesses and organizations to help support our events through sponsorships is being explored
- Parent Liaison Report
 - Gun Safe Home, Unlock the Conversation (January meeting)
 - 42 participants from across the state (was a state-wide offering)
 - Recognizing Stress in Young Children (February meeting)
 - 13 participants, 9 evaluations returned
 - many were CASA volunteers looking for strategies to support them in their work
 - Craft Night in February
 - 5 families participated
 - Volunteers from HACC Early Childhood Program
 - Accomplished the Winter Fun Event
 - Great reach on Facebook (900+)
 - 0 participants

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3. Subcommittee Reports

- Child Care
 - Grant to help with start up costs
 - 9 individuals have begun process
 - One has completed the process and is up and running
 - The rest are somewhere in the process or have stalled out (perhaps temporarily, perhaps permanent)
 - Funding left - to fund approximately 10 additional individuals
 - Child Care Provider Networking
 - Provider Gathering - 3 participants in February
 - Self Care presentation from Andrea
- Community Resources
 - QR code card with updated resource guide - available; let Stefanie know if you need some for your agencies, clients/families you work with
 - Community Baby Shower - partnering with Pediatric & Family Health to coordinate agency involvement efforts
- Literacy
 - Books for Babies - Hospital Bags have started being disseminated
 - Literacy Team has released the first Family Activity Challenge of 2022
 - Please share!!!
<https://www.facebook.com/1130938267018608/posts/4622630387849361/?d=n>
 - Initial Planning Phase for Literacy Pop-ups and Story Walk will be happening soon
- Pediatric & Family Health
 - Discussions around medical provider spotlight and steps for moving forward
 - working on initiative to bring awareness and appreciation for medical providers in the county
 - Community Baby Shower
 - Contact Stef or Mindy if interested in being part of the planning for this event
 - IN PERSON EVENT
 - Sometime late Summer/Early Fall
 - Social Media Connections
 - Healthy Children/Healthy Pregnancy
 - Collaborate with Family/Parent Liaison
- School Readiness Advisory
 - February 11th was last meeting

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- Enrollment - Preliminary reports show that we secured full funding
- Planning for 22-23 school year
- Preschool Connect Planning Committee
 - [Virtual on Facebook](#) on April 11th-14th

4. Community Updates

- Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
 - In the midst of a Part C monitoring by MDE- Reviewing student files, conducting interviews and evaluating processes. Will get feedback on strengths and suggestions for improvement.
 - State has 8 indicators. We are meeting 6/8 targets for these indicators. Working on strategies to hit other two targets that include:
 - State Systematic Improvement Process- SEL outcomes for infants and toddlers
 - Pyramid Model Training
 - DECCA-IT training
 - Training COSF Entry
 - Early Head Start and GSC - partnering on the Welcome Baby Initiative
- Agency Updates
 - Brooke Rains
 - Tri - Grant to help pay for child care
 - Hiring a project lead for that position
 - Yvonne Parker
 - Positions available for Head Start
 - DHHS and CAA
 - N95 Masks (DHHS & CAA) and COVID Tests Available (CAA)
 - Mindy Wilson
 - [Spring Fling](#) - similar to Winterfest - drive-thru event
 - Activities that support development
 - Interested in partnering, contact Mindy or Stef
 - March 22 from 5:00 - 6:00
 - Stefanie on behalf of Jonesville Library
 - hosting a Family Literacy Night
 - designed like GSC PLAY events
 - March 31st 5pm
 - Andrea Bricker
 - Char Halliwell has been the intern and she has been hired
 - First day is March 7th

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- Chris Firestone
 - Prenatal Parenting Class via ZOOM - nurturing parenting
- Maria Ansett
 - WIC Office - ZOOM Childbirth Classes offered

Next Meeting...March 21st

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