



**Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2022 via Zoom**

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Corey Murray, Veterans Coalition	Rozanne Pauze, Grandparent	Brooke Rains, Child Care Network
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Wendy Playford, Great Start Collaborative	Abbey LoPresto, DHHS	Alissa Harris, Veterans Coalition
Andrea Bricker, Integro	Tonia Gier, Domestic Harmony	Christine Gjestland, Highfields

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. GSC Office Updates

a. Director Report

- Spotlight on Initiatives of Trusted Advisor Grant
- **Trusted Advisor Grant**
  - **Welcome Baby Visits to start in May**
    - **Early On**
    - **Early Head Start**
    - **Integro**
    - **Local Community Health Agency**
  - **Resources from a bag of goodies - educational or useful items for the baby or self (development, attachment, self care for parents, etc.)**
  - **Will offer comprehensive training for all home visitors that will be making visits**
  - **Parents can sign up from the time that baby is born until 6 months of age**
  - **Social Emotional Learning Toolkits 1-2.5 years**

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- Community Baby Shower - Increase Marketing geared for male caregiversFathers
    - Plan to return to face to face meetings
    - Return to face-to-face Meetings
      - After Spring Break return to in-person
      - Room will be set up for social distancing
      - Subcommittees will decide on their own what their individual plans will be
      - Full meeting will not offer a hybrid model; however, will be recorded
      - Main factor in our decision: to increase engagement
      - No refreshments provided as were prior to pandemic
    - Other
  - Parent Liaison Report
    - What Reading Looks Like...Recap
      - Virtual offering
      - Simple everyday terms
      - Kayla will record short segments for the purpose of posting to Facebook
    - Upcoming Opportunities
      - Spring Fling
        - at Dean Jennings - hoping for a steady stream of cars
        - 30 families RSVPed so far
        - Winter Fest - at least double showed up than those that RSVPd
      - Jonesville Library Family Literacy Night
        - March 29th
        - In person and asking for RSVPs
      - Preschool Connect
        - All virtual
        - Preschool connect Facebook Page 11th-14th
      - Managing Stress and Mindfulness for Parents
        - Virtual
        - April 29th No RSVPs required
    - Social Media Marketing
      - Look into /providing marketing training for non-profits
      - Short 1.5 hour training
      - Community Resources subcommittee is exploring this further

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### 3. Spotlight Presentation

Hillsdale County Veterans Coalition - Corey Murray/Alissa Harris

- Hillsdale County Veterans Coalition geared specifically for the community of Hillsdale
- 4,045 veterans in Hillsdale County
  - Generation of after 9/11 seem more open to addressing issues
  - 38 men and women receptive to care
  - Corey's office at the American Legion on Wednesday
  - Contact Info: cell phone 517.932.8600

### 5. Community Updates

- Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
- Early On - Stefanie reported on behalf of Mindy
  - Process of wrapping up general monitoring for the state
  - MDE will identify strengths and improvement areas
  - Participating in State Social Emotional Learning project
  - Early On currently serving, 109 kids 0-3 and have processed 205 referrals since July 1, 2021
- Agency Updates
  - DHHS (Abbey) getting mail for other agencies in the past not able to do this anymore as of May 1st
  - Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPA)
    - Lighting the clock tower
    - Pinwheels out and about
    - Blue is the color
  - CAA (Angie)
    - Utilities and housing needs can be filtered
    - Head Start and Early Head Start referrals
    - Job Openings as well
    - Homebuyers Classes, Taxes, Covid test-kits
  - Community Foundation (Mindy)
    - Grants
      - Youth Grant - April 1st
      - General Grant Cycle - May 1st
      - Online grant applications available at <http://abouthccf.org>
  - Community Health Agency (Kris)
    - Child sized kn95 masks
    - WIC moms
    - Breastfeeding peers in Hillsdale county

**Next Meeting...April 18th IN PERSON!!!**

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