



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes May 1, 2023

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I. Welcome/Introductions

II. GSC Office Updates (Stefanie)

A. Marketing Fundraising Committee

1. Annual Report for GSC
 - a) Report on Success
 - b) Funding Source information
 - c) Send out this fall with our completed strategic plan
 - d) Will include donation envelopes
2. Meetings scheduled for this summer to discuss
 - a) Template
 - b) Content
 - c) Process
3. Contact Stefanie or Wendy to join this committee

B. Safety Fair

1. Flier available
2. Letters to all agencies to finalize topics and commit
3. Will provide lunch for first 100 kids

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4. 2 or 3 food trucks on site
5. Door prize giveaways at 2pm
- C. Summer PLAY (Parents Learning About Young Children)
 1. Flier Available
 2. Partners: Jonesville Library, Early On, Early Head Start, Integro, MSUE, Jackson ISD Technology Consortium, and Hillsdale Library
- D. Talking is Teaching Learning Kids: Infant and General
 1. Launch at Project Connect
 2. Distribution planned for several days at WIC office
 3. Let Stef or Wendy know if you have a large event coming that you would like us to be present to hand these out.
- E. Parent Liaison Report (Wendy)
 1. Spring Fling- 52 Craft kits given out
 2. Upcoming
 - a) Literacy Pop-up: May 11th 4:30 to 6:30 pm
 - (1) Need volunteer at GSC craft table
 - (2) If you are planning to have a table for your agency, please let Stefanie know
 - b) Parent Coalition Meeting
 - (1) May 16th at 5 pm

III. Strategic Planning

- A. Recap of Strategic Planning Efforts and Timeline
 1. Every year, even when not a strategic planning year, GSC has to put together a work plan to submit
 2. This year is a strategic planning year
 - a) Must do a comprehensive review of the data
 - b) Determine if our outcomes have changed and need to realign our plan to meet the needs of Hillsdale County
 - c) Rewrite full GSC Strategic Plan that covers all subcommittee work goals and objectives
 - d) Can choose to continue to try to impact the same areas if needed, but may choose to try to “attack them” in a different way.
 - e) Next meeting: July 10th 1-4pm
 - (1) Let Stefanie know if you cannot attend.
 - f) Strategy development will happen at our August Meeting: August 7th @ 9:30am .
 - g) Timeline: Handout provided
 - (1) Work Plan due Sept 15th

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- (2) Strategic plan due Dec. 22nd
 - (3) Our goal is to have them done together so they can be submitted together
 - h) Dec. & April: suggestion as to assign sections. Please let Stefanie know if you are wanting to complete a section
- B. Update on Focus Group with Parent Coalition
- 1. We reported last month that the Health Department is doing a Community Needs Assessment.
 - a) They came and did a focus group in April
 - (1) 8 families came to participate
 - (2) Each family was extremely engaged, great discussion
 - (3) SO engaged we went over our schedule time
 - b) Currently only have 2 parents that are actively involved in parent meetings and engaged in everything we do. We hand selected a diverse group of parents to try to increase engagement.
 - (1) Stipend was offered to participate
 - 2. No report back yet, but great information was gathered
 - 3. Will use information to guide our planning
- C. Fast 5 Survey- how GSC members can promote survey completion
- 1. Access by:
 - a) Paper form shared as handout
 - b) Google Form
 - c) QR code cards available as handout
 - 2. Preferred method is the Google Form with QR Code
 - 3. Big goal is getting as many people as possible to complete this survey.
 - 4. How can we actively help get this form completed?
 - a) Can we all commit to getting 5-10 of these completed?
 - b) Glve out with Sleep Sacks at Hospital
 - c) Families complete during home-visits
 - d) E-mail Link so that schools and agencies can do a “robo text, call, e-mail”
 - e) Share Facebook Page Post, but state “Hillsdale County, Parents of children under age of 10 years”.
 - f) Send to all preschool programs/classrooms to promote it
 - g) Send to Early Head Start and Head Start
 - h) Integro to hand out
 - i) Child Care: Will send to all providers and offer a drawing when they share
 - j) Share context of why they should take 5 minutes to complete this

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- (1) Tried to keep instructions simple
- (2) Don't want to overwhelm before they decide to fill it out
- k) Have individual conversations on why it's important.
- l) Will be provided at Literacy Pop-Up and other events in May
- m) Have them available to hand out at spur of moment opportunities.
- 5. Complete by the end of May so we are ready by June 5th. It's ready to go.
 - a) for agencies who get paper forms completed, either have staff enter into google form and scan, deliver or ask Stefanie/Wendy to pick up at end of month

IV. Spotlight Presentation Home Visiting Programs

A. Presenters:

1. Mindy Willson /Early On
2. Anna Weide/Early Head Start
3. Andrea Bricker/Integro

B. [Hillsdale County Home-Visiting Tri-fold Handout](#) for Agencies/Community Partners

1. Early On- Mindy
 - a) Federally all states are required to have an early intervention program. Early On is Michigan's Early Intervention Program
 - b) No income requirements
 - c) Based on family and child need
 - d) Focus on child development and supporting medical/healthcare needs
 - e) Case management component
 - (1) Connect families to resources
 - (2) Support connection to other providers/agencies
 - f) Support children (and their families) 0-3 years of age
 - g) All levels of support needs
2. Early Head Start- Anna
 - a) In home pregnancy to preschool entry (Head Start)
 - b) Eligibility:
 - (1) Income based
 - (2) must submit income documentation and birth certificate
 - (3) Pregnant mothers & children 0-3
 - (4) Families receiving SNAP, TANF, SSI, or with low household income
 - (5) Foster children

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- (6) Children with disabilities
- (7) Families experiencing homelessness
- c) use curriculum
- d) case management
 - (1) help connect to resources
- e) transition to Head Start
- f) School Readiness focus along with parenting needs
- 3. Integro- Andrea (her 10th year as supervisor)
 - a) Jackson & Hillsdale
 - b) Home-based programs
 - c) Provide an array of mental health services
 - d) Only serve Medicaid population
 - e) 2-4 hours per week, most intensive
 - f) Birth to 17 with family in the home
 - g) Family-focused service
 - h) Only 2 companies provide
 - (1) Hightfields
 - (2) Integro
 - (3) Families choose which company they work with
 - i) Joint Commissioned through Mental Health System to provide these services. 1200 additional guidelines we adhere to. Very proud. Vision is to become a leader in mental health field
 - j) We have total of 4 clinicians- master level trained at Hillsdale site
 - (1) Serve 10 families each
 - k) In home, community & schools
 - l) Support foster care and adoption
 - m) Birth to 3 clinicians are infant mental health endorsed
 - (1) Participate in learning collaboratives in Michigan
 - n) Case Management Component
 - (1) Help connect to resources

C. Referral

1. We do have a central intake that goes to HCISD Early Childhood Secretary
 - a) Can help family get process going
2. Each agency has individual intake process, but this referral gets the process started
3. Parents can also call Integro, Early Head Start (CAA) or Early On (HCISD) directly
4. [County-wide Referral Form](#)

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D. Timelines

1. Early On
 - a) contact within 7 days
 - b) Letter mailed in 7-10
 - c) schedule evaluation 2-3 weeks
 - d) Plan in place within 45 days of the referral
2. Integro
 - a) contact within 3 days
 - b) first visit in 14 days
3. Early Head Start
 - a) Nadia Trumble calls and discusses application & document needs
 - b) Schedules with family engagement specialist
 - c) Proof of income & birth
 - d) Waitlisted for placement

V. Community Updates

A. LICC (Abby)

1. Spring Fling-
 - a) Lower Numbers, but still great for families
 - b) The later date may have been impacted by sports season and beautiful weather
2. 292 Referrals since July 1, 2022
3. Preparing for Summer Playgroups
 - a) Joining GSC & a few additional events
4. Transition Playgroup ends in May
 - a) Preschool students in the fall
5. Wayne State Family Survey has been sent out. Hoping for a higher return rate

B. Agency Updates

1. DHHS/Abbey: Assistant Payment Workers- No office phone numbers. Contact Number/Central contact number for all to call is: 888-678-8914
 - a) Still assigned a caseworker, but 2 workers assigned to phones every day and they can take care of what you need at that time
 - b) Adjusting issues as they come up.
 - c) Call on behalf of the family?
 - (1) Community partners should have been sent a pin number
 - (a) Pin for Community Partners- DO NOT SHARE WITH Families. Jumps you to front of the que so you aren't on hold for an extender period of time

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2. DHHS/Abbey: Medicaid case review is starting back up. Redetermination starting in June. Potential impact on July benefits. Encourage families to watch mail for their redetermination letter. Spreading out over a 12 month time period
 - a) keep MiBridges updated with current address and phone numbers
3. St. Peter's Church Health Clinic-
 - a) Tuesday nights, Open at 5, checked in by 6 to be seen.
 - b) If no health insurance
4. Experience Wellness/Andrea - event put on by Prevention Works
 - a) One of a kind event
 - b) New for state of Michigan
 - c) Held at Senior Center
 - (1) Space was ideal
 - d) Hands-on event
 - e) Had vendors to help people think outside of the box
 - (1) massage
 - (2) Reiki
 - (3) Sound therapy
 - (4) essential oils
 - (5) dieticians
 - (6) prayer warriors
 - (7) veteran affairs
 - (8) acupuncture
 - (9) and more...
 - f) Over 117 people showed up
 - g) swag bags to 1st 100
 - h) Did surveys- people LOVED IT.
5. Child Care Network: Great Start to Quality.
 - a) Stars not levels
 - b) focused on achievement and improvement
 - c) MDE hired a marketing firm to come up with mass marketing
 - (1) created videos for families on youtube channel
 - (a) family testimonies
 - (2) Materials, brochures & fliers
 - (3) Some printed materials
 - (a) Family brochures for welcome baby bags?
 - (4) Will email the brochure, one-pagers and materials to share.

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VI. Closing Activity

- A. What are you taking away from today's meeting?
 - 1. Excited about Strategic Plan
 - 2. Curious about open-endedness of Fast 5- We have data, we need experiences
 - 3. Excited about survey and supporting an increase in completion
 - 4. Appreciate learning about home services
 - 5. Been coming to GSC for 5 years, not in medical, so feeling on sidelines, but had never heard about Integro. Presentation was great.
 - 6. Brochure on home-based is nice to help walk through
 - 7. Didn't know anyone could make a referral
 - 8. New knowledge
- B. Resources available on table: Help yourself
- C. Drawing

Next Meeting...June 5th

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