



Great Beginnings

Ensuring a Great Start for all Hillsdale County Kids!

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Whether your child is going to school for the very first time or they are returning to school after Summer Break there are a few ways you can ease them into this new routine!



***Help your child bond with the teacher**

Have your child draw or make something to give their teacher on the first day of school. The teacher will be delighted and your child will be excited to present their gift.

***Help your child bond with their peers**

School can be a scary place for kids. Help them make new friends by rehearsing the words to say to another child such as "Hi I'm Caleb, do you want to play?" Then give them a chance in the first few weeks of school to have a new friend over for a play date.

***Give your child a part of you**

Give your child a kiss on the hand to hold or a small trinket that they can put in

their pocket to remind them of you during their day. Also reassure them that you will be returning to pick them up and that you want to hear all about their day.

***Calm your child's fears**

Allow your child to express their fears about starting school. What may seem silly to you may be a big deal to them. Listen and reassure.

***Take time to reconnect after school each day**

Take a few minutes each day to sit down and recap their day. Enjoy a cookie and a glass of milk together and let them talk!

***Be a few minutes early for pick up**

Children who are anxious about attending school will be reassured if they see

your face right away everyday at pick up time.

***Create a calm household with early bedtimes and peaceful mornings**

Rushing children can create more anxiety, so get lots of rest and get up plenty early so that you don't have to rush.

Have a
great school



Hillsdale County Great Start

www.greatstarhillsdale.com

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Hillsdale, MI 49242

To find out more about Great Start and to get connected contact Gina Fosdick

517-437-0990 ext. 217
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~Upcoming Events~

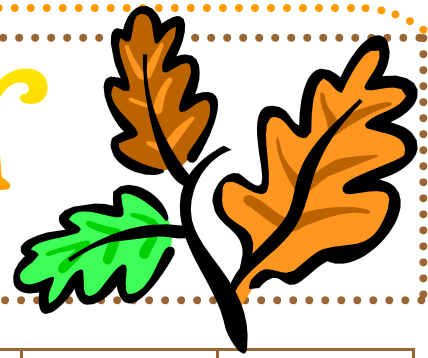
Grand Opening of the 1st Little Free Library: Bike Trail Area and the Udderside US 12 in Jonesville
September 22nd, 2016
4:30-6p

Great Families Coalition Mindfulness Workshop
HCISD, Hayes Bldg
310 W Bacon Rd
Hillsdale, MI
September 23rd, 2016
12-2p

Fall Fest
Lochaven
210 W. Bacon St
Hillsdale, MI
October, 27th, 2016
4-7p

Check the Great Start Facebook page for more events!

September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>WIC, 20 Care Drive Hillsdale 49242 517-437-7395 ext. 117 or 120 Immunizations ext. 136 STD/HIV ext. 121</p>				<p>1 WIC 8a-4p Toddler & Baby Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>2 Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Labor Day</p>	<p>6 Story Time 6p-7p</p>	<p>7 WIC & (8a-4p) Immunization Lego Club 4-5p Yoga Tots 4:30p</p>	<p>8 WIC 8a-4p Toddler & Baby Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>9 Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Braden's Book Buddies 10:30a Story Time 10:30a-11:30a WIC 8a-4p</p>	<p>13 P.L.A.Y. 4:30p- 6:30p @ Greenfield Story Time 6p-7p</p>	<p>14 WIC 11a-7p Immunizations 10am-6p Yoga Tots 4:30p</p>	<p>15 Toddler & Baby Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>16 Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>17</p>
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<p>25 Hillsdale County Fair Week</p>	<p>26 Braden's Book Buddies 10:30a Story Time 10:30a-11:30a WIC 10a-6p</p>	<p>27 P.L.A.Y. 4:30p- 6:30p @ Greenfield Story Time 6p-7p</p>	<p>28 WIC 10a-6p Immunizations 9am-5p Yoga Tots 4:30p</p>	<p>29 WIC 8a-4p Toddler & Baby Story Time 10:30a</p>	<p>30 <i>Fall</i> </p>	
<p>Great Start/HISD Events 437-0990</p>	<p>Jonesville Library 849-9701</p>	<p>Camden Library 368-5554</p>	<p>North Adams Library Kids 287-4426</p>	<p>Other Agencies</p>	<p>Hillsdale Library 437-6473</p>	<p>Community Health Agency 437-7395</p>

Events are listed by color—please match color to find a phone number for more information
Further details are provided on our website: www.greatstarthillsdale.com

October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Community Health Agency 437-7395 ext. 317 *call for WIC & immunization schedule for Oct.</p>						1
2	3 <p>Braden's Book Buddies 10:30a Story Time 10:30a-11:30a</p>	4 <p>P.L.A.Y. 4:30p-6:30p @ Greenfield Story Time 6p-7p</p>	5 <p>Lego Club 4-5p Yoga Tots 4:30p</p>	6 <p>Toddler & Baby Story Time 10:30a</p>	7 <p>Story Time 10:30a</p>	8
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Great Start Collaborative Members:

The following Hillsdale County Agencies have joined the Great Start Collaborative to help give all young children in our county a GREAT START.

- Alpha-Omega Women's Center
- BHSJ Community Health Agency/Safe kids
- Calming Breath Doula Services
- CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention)
- Center for Family Health
- Child Care Network/Regional Resource Center
- Community Action Agency/Head Start/Early Head Start
- Community Grandparents & Parents
- Highfields
- Hillsdale Community Library
- Hillsdale Community Schools/GSRP
- Hillsdale County Department of Health & Human Services
- Hillsdale County ISD
- HUB Church
- Integro LLC
- Jonesville Community Schools/GSRP
- Karan Jenkins Co-op Preschool
- La Leche League
- Lifeways
- Litchfield Schools/GSRP
- Mary Randall Preschool
- Michigan State Police, Jonesville
- MSU Extension
- North Adams-Jerome Schools
- Pittsford Schools/GSRP
- Reading Community Schools/GSRP
- South Central Michigan Works!
- Waldron Schools/GSRP

Great Families Coalition

12:00-2:00p

Come and gather with other parents in our county for networking, training, and support.

September 23rd, 2016
November 11th, 2016
January 20th, 2017
March 10th, 2017
May 12th, 2017

Lunch, childcare, and mileage reimbursement will be provided.

HCISD Hayes Bldg | 310 W Bacon St
Hillsdale, MI 49242

RSVP to Gina Fosdick, *Parent Liaison*,
517-437-0990 ext. 217 or by email
gina.fosdick@hillsdale-isd.org

The Great Start Collaborative in Hillsdale County zeros in on 5 points of the star while working together to improve services for children birth-3rd Grade:

Pediatric &
Family Health

Child Care & Early
Education



Family Support

Social &
Emotional Health

Growing Safe
Kids

Early On

Come and Join us!

(Free to parents and children birth-5 yrs)

Wednesdays @ 4:30pm-5:30pm
Yoga Tots (see calendar)
@ Comm. Action Agency



(builds self-control, balance, social support, confidence, and is so fun!) Call Rhonda for more information 517-439-9357

~*~ Resource Library ~*~

We have resources available for you!

*Activity Kits *Books *CDs *DVDs

The library includes items friendly for both providers and families.

If you would like to check out an item(s), please contact:

Kristy Storm, *Child Care Network*

517-437-0990 x239

To learn more about the Great Families Coalition visit us on Face Book at Hillsdale County Great Start or visit our website at www.greatstarthillsdale.com