



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes April 8, 2024

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Sarah Greeley, Community Choice Credit Union	Debra Hyatte, Feonix Mobility Rising	Laura Orlowski, Jonesville District Library
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Mindy Eggleston, HCCF	Wendy Playford, GSC	Andrea Bricker, LifeWays
Linda Wise, GSRP/HCISD	Yvonne Parker, CAA	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Brooke Rains, Child Care Network	Jerina Cleveland, Feonic Mobility Rising	Rebekah Dobski, Hillsdale Community Library

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Community Spotlight: Transportation Supports

- **Jerina Cleveland; Feonix Mobility Rising** gave brief powerpoint (attached)
 - *Lack of transport is a barrier: numbers from slide 5.8 million miss medical appointments for lack of transport.*
 - *Ten states to provide transportation beyond medical; Michigan Mobility Wallet Challenge (MMWC), Perinatal, Grocery, Laundry,*
 - *Michigan: Kent, Washtenaw, Wayne, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee*
 - *Hillsdale specific: MMWC with veterans only*
 - *Michigan Mobility Wallet Challenge- simplify transit payment process—app that consumers can use, eligibility determined*
 - *MMWC Work Group: to allocate funding, explore data, etc*
 - *Mobility Navigator- (for Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee) Debra Hyatt*
 - *Referring Partner (QR code in slides)*
 - *Transportation Providers needed (Dial a Ride, Key Opportunities are current providers)*
 - *Volunteers Needed: gas mileage reimbursed*
 - *Driver's license, Insurance, IChat, own vehicle*
- **Mark and Annette Smith (Local Provider):** Linda provided a bit of information about them since they were unable to attend; *been in operation about a year for Hillsdale. Linda will connect them with Feonix.*

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3. GSC Office Updates

- *Funding - Stef*
 - *Applied for V.C. and Velma Knight Memorial Grant through HCCF Talking is Teaching - widespread marketing campaign; received \$10,000*
 - *YOUTH grant through HCCF submitted to fully fund portion of Talking is Teaching proposal not covered by V.C. and Velma Knight Memorial Grant*
 - *Advancing Healthy Births - have finally received funds this past week; will be able to start using funds now!*
- *Planning underway for: (Stef)*
 - *Community Baby Shower - next meeting 4/8 from 1-2:30pm Hayes Lower Level; partnership with CAPA to host event*
 - *Safety Fair - next meeting 4/17 1 - 2:30 p.m. at Hayes Lower Level; partnership with Simply Hers to host event*
 - *Literacy Pop-Up - 5/23 - emails to previous agency partners have gone out; but always open to anyone interested in having a table at event*
 - *Summer PLAY events - first planning meeting later this week; if anyone wants to partner, they are welcome*
- *Events since last meeting - Wendy*
 - *March is Reading Month Night of Fun!*
 - *Text reminders were sent*
 - *45 families - 92 children and 66 adults*
 - *Family Coalition*
 - *Little Free Library*
 - *New Installations: CASA, Jonesville Middle School, King's Kupboard, Michigan Works, Waldron Resident*
 - *Waiting on install: Litchfield City Offices*
 - *Waiting on delivery: Jonesville parks (also gave a short presentation to Jonesville City Council)*
 - *Additional follow-up needed: DJ's, Adventures of the A Team, Overflowing Cups and Cones*
 - *Project Connect*
 - *We participated in the event. We handed books out to all households that had young children in them (39 books)*
- *Upcoming Events - Wendy*
 - *Family Coalition Meeting*
 - *April 16 from 4 - 5 pm in the lower level of the Hayes building*
 - *Registration is requested*
 - *Preschool Round-Up*
 - *April 9 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the HUB Church Activity Center*
 - *Talking is Teaching parent training*
 - *Saturday, April 13 from 9 - 11:30 am at the Hayes building*
 - *Registration is requested*
 - *Spring Fling*
 - *April 18 from 4:30 - 6 pm it is a drive-thru event at the Dean Jennings parking lot*
 - *Registration is requested*
 - *Community Baby Shower*
 - *May 18 from 9 - Noon at Hillsdale High School*

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- Literacy Pop Up
 - May 23 (rain date of May 30) at the Udder Side
- Safety fair
 - June 18
- StoryWalk
 - July 27 (rain date of Aug10)

4. Volunteer Outreach: PLEASE VOLUNTEER! Sign up sheets were passed around. Contact Stefanie or Wendy if you did not get on the list.

- **Community Baby Shower: May 18th 9:00 a.m. - Noon**
 - Please take flyers and post in office areas, share with friends/family/co-workers, etc. Also consider sharing post from Great Start Hillsdale Facebook page
- **Safety Fair: June 18th 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**
- **Story Walk: July 27th 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or August 10th for rain date**

5. Community Updates

- **Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC): Abby**
 - *Preschool Round-Up is at the HUB tomorrow 4:30-6:30*
 - *Spring Fling is April 28th*
 - *Monthly Playgroup at Hilldale Prep*
 - *237 referrals*
- **Agency Updates**
 - Linda: GSRP.
 - Data Dive- individually meet with every teacher to focus on lesson planning.
 - Preschool Round-Up tomorrow: Construction Theme
 - Reminder that preschool registration for 24-25 is open!
 - Christie: CAPA
 - April is Child Abuse Prevention Month; pinwheel gardens around county
 - April 15th: Stewards of Children Training 6-8pm free at MSU conference room. Email Christie.
 - April 20th: Color Run 5k fundraiser
 - April 23rd at noon: Rally at Sheriff's Department lawn with speakers
 - Brooke: Child Care Network
 - Online platform for Lending Library. Virtual Shelves to browse. Create an account to borrow.
 - Janelle Morse: Calming Breath Doula
 - Mommy meetup group: Fridays - has been getting about 5 families attending regularly
 - Prenatal and Postpartum Ball class. Saturdays at 10
 - Both at Hillsdale First Baptist
 - Bella: Health Department
 - WIC postcards
 - Vaccinate with increase in measles.

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6. Closing

- **End of year survey** : *please complete*
 - [Great Start Collaborative 2024 Survey](#)

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