

# Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes November 4, 2024



**Attendance:**

Linda Wise, HCISD/GSRP	Mindy Wilson, HCISD	Stephanie Hines, HCISD
Yvonne Parker, CAA	Anna Weide, CAA	Kristy Wood, Child Care Network
Emilee Hill, LifeWays	Jayne Vosovic, Michigan League for Public Policy	Anne Kuhnen, Michigan League for Public Policy
Rebekah Dobski, Hillsdale Community Library	Isabella Stycos, BHSJ Community Health Agency	Laura Orłowski, Jonesville District Library
Wendy Playford, GSC	Kevin Knapp, MSU Extension	Christie Campbell, CAPA
Andrea Bricker, LifeWays	Makynna Reed, Calming Breath Doula Services	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Janell Morse, Calming Breath Doula Services	Kristy Wood, Child Care Network	

**Minutes:**

1. Welcome/Introductions
  - o Open with introductions
  
2. GSC Office Updates
  - o [November GSC Data Summary](#)
  - o Other
    - i. Talking is Teaching
      1. Go Media Campaign
        - a. GSC is now on Instagram
        - b. Runs through February
      2. 2025 Calendars
        - a. Talking is Teaching Calendars.
        - b. We have 500 total to provide to community agencies to pass out, which includes maintaining some for distribution at Winterfest
        - c. Amazed at the interest in the calendars
        - d. Will try to meet all requests for calendars, but we do have a limited amount. May need to do something different next year with our order
    - ii. Early Childhood Summit
      1. Intent to highlight Early Childhood happenings across the state
      2. Educate Superintendents
      3. Help people organize their plans for intentional work around Early Childhood
      4. Great turn out
      5. Hillsdale Representatives included: CAA (Codi), Hillsdale Schools (Allison and Ted), HCISD (Troy, Mindy, and Stefanie)

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6. So many shoutouts to the Great Start Collaboratives and the work they are doing across the state
  7. No clear plan for anything looking different, but starting point for further discussions
- iii. Advancing Healthy Births RFP
    1. Grant that just ended
      - a. allowed us to give away great items at Community Baby Shower and Breastfeeding resource initiatives
      - b. 2nd Round of Grant funding is coming due
        - i. We plan to apply again
        - ii. Will discuss this during the Pediatric and Family Health Subcommittee
        - iii. 2nd meeting to discuss if you cannot join the PFH subcommittee on November 13th at 8:30 am at the Parke D. Hayes ISD building.
        - iv. Due this month
        - v. Find out in late December/early January
        - vi. Must be spent down if awarded by Sept. 2025
  - iv. Substance Use Disorder Workgroup/Region 9 Perinatal Quality Collaborative
    1. New workgroup
    2. first meeting last week
    3. Encourage anyone interested/connected to be a part of that workgroup
    4. We will do report-outs during PFH Subcommittee
    5. Great connections are being made and finding resources outside of Hillsdale County
    6. Got Monroe County connection for marijuana use during pregnancy and breastfeeding
  - v. Great Give Updates
    1. Support opportunity to the GSC
      - a. Share information & spread the work on our work
      - b. Consider financial donations
  - vi. Baby Shower & Safety Fair Planning Committees
    1. Sign-in passed around

### 3. Community Spotlights

- Child Advocacy Center; Meg Antrossi & Shannon Porter are unable to join us today. Will plan for a future month
- Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP): Anne Kuhnen & Jayme Vosovic
  - i. MLPP reviewed trends and findings from the new 2024 Kids Count data, which evaluates the well-being of children and families in Michigan and explores policy and advocacy opportunities to improve outcomes. The focus will be on Hillsdale County trends from 2017-2022 across early childhood, health, education, economic security, and family & community factors and to explore how recent

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legislative and budget activity has the power to improve the lives of kids in Michigan.

1. PowerPoint shared as attachment
2. Contact info
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  - b. Jayme Vosovic, [jvosovic@mlpp.org](mailto:jvosovic@mlpp.org)

#### 4. Community Updates

1. Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
  - a. Mindy shared that the Early On team will be attending the Early On conference in November
  - b. Referrals sitting around 104 since July 1st
2. Agency Updates
  - a. Preschool- Openings across the County- see flier & share widely
  - b. Jackson-Hillsdale Infant Mental Health Chapter- Celebrate Babies
    - i. Did infographics
    - ii. Babies Speak Gallery will be on display in Lansing

#### 5. Closing

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