



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes May 6, 2024

Mari Nunez, Community Member	Kristy Wood, Child Care Network	Anna Weide, CAA/Early Head Start
Stefanie Rathburn, GSC	Linda Wise, HCISD/GSRP	Stephanie Hines, HCISD
Christie Campbell, CAPA	Heather Upton, CASA	Kevin Knapp, MSU Extension
Tonia Gier, Domestic Harmony	Abby Alley, HCISD/Early On	Bryce Asberg, Helping Hands
Janel More, Calming Breath Doula Service	Sarah Greeley, Community Choice Credit Union	Rebekah Dobski, Hillsdale Community Library
Mindy Eggleston, Hillsdale County Community Foundation	Casey Adler, Michigan Alliance for Families (via Zoom)	Wendy Playfrod, GSC
Allison Wirick, Hillsdale Community Schools		

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Community Spotlight: Michigan Alliance for Families: Casey Adler

South Central Region: Hillsdale, Branch, Jackson, Calhoun

Parents Support and Advocacy for Special Education

Educate on IDEA and MARSE

Website: michiganallianceforfamilies.org

See Michigan Alliance for Families brochure attached to minutes

Contact for Presenter: 517-292-4079; casey@michiganallianceforfamilies.org

3. [GSC Office Updates](#)

4. Subcommittee Reports (as time allows)

- **Child Care Kristy - Child Care Appreciation May 6th**
 - **Request for input re: Child Care Chirp: News Your Business Can Use: Please let Kristy know if you know of businesses, employers, etc who might benefit from the newsletter**
 - **Sticky Note Collection Activity - these ideas were shared:**
 - **Restaurant Corkboard, Bowling Alley Coarkboard, Biggby Corkboards,**

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- *Katy Price; City of Hillsdale - clerk@cityofhillsdale.org 517.437.6441*
 - *Hillsdale County Courthouse; Leanne Zimmernan, l.zimmerman@co.hillsdale.mi.us*
 - *Sara Cares/ Martinrea, sara.cares@martinrea.com*
- **Community Resources** *Stefanie - County Resource Guide update has been completed, Visiting FoodBank (KIng's Cupboard) to share and inform*
- **Literacy** *Stephanie - Little Free Libraries in all communities but Camden. Story Walk*
- **Prenatal & Pediatric Health** *Mari - : CBS, Welcome Baby efforts, Before/During/After Bookmarks are being reprinted.*
- **Preschool Leadership & Advocacy** *Linda/Stephanie - Preschool Round-Up not as well as attended as in years past. Preschool Connect (virtual platform) being a month long may have interfered. GSRP/Head Start enrollment is open.*

5. Community Updates

- **Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC):** *Abby - 271 referrals. 0-6 who are not in preschool, Playgroups in coordination with GSC*
- **Agency Updates:**
 - *Bryce-Helping Hands: First session of Fatherhood class has ended-good feedback from participants. 6:00-7:30 June 6th is the next round. First Come First Serve. 14 slots available, 7 already signed up.*
 - *CASA: Purse Bingo- raffle baskets donations let Heather know*

6. Closing

- **End-of-year survey**
- *Retreat sessions in Late July and August to review the work and plan for next year.*

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