



Great Start Collaborative (GSC) Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025

1. Welcome/Introductions

Bryce Asberg, Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center	Heather Upton, CASA	Stephanie Hines, HCISD
Allison Wirick, Hillsdale Community Schools	Anna Weide, CAA	Kevin Knapp, MSU Extension
Kathryn Boring, DHHS	Abby Alley, HCISD/Early On	Linda Wise, HCISD
Christie Campbell, CAPA	Isabella Stycos, BHSJ Community Health Agency	Laura Orlowski, Jonesville District Library
Wendy Playford, GSC	Mindy Eggleston, Hillsdale County Community Foundation	Yvonne Parker, Community Action Agency
Andrea Bricker, LifeWays	Hillary Zimmerman, Hillsdale Hospital	Stefanie Rathburn, GSC
Janell Morse, Calming Breath Doula Services	Maria Ansett, Right to Innocence Karen's House	Makynna Reed, Calming Breath Doula Services
Daniel Klink, CAA	Shannon Porter, Children's Advocacy Center	Destini Bucklew, Children's Advocacy Center
Meg Antinossi, Children's Advocacy Center	Sarah Greeley, Community Choice Credit Union	Hillary Zimmerman, Hillsdale Hospital

2. Community Spotlight: Children's Advocacy Center of South Central Michigan

- Shannon Porter, Victim Advocate
- Destini Bucklew, Children's Clinical Trauma Therapist
- Meg Antinossi; MDT Coordinator
 - i. PPT and resources attached

3. GSC Office Updates

- [January GSC Data Summary](#)
- Upcoming Events & Promotion
 - i. Wendy reviewed upcoming events and target audience for each

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- ii. Request to continue sharing opportunities but to avoid sharing in the 24-48 hours prior to the event as we close registration to ensure proper planning
- Event Volunteers
 - i. Stefanie passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers for Love Yourself, Love Your Baby, Community Baby Shower and Safety Fair - looking for volunteers who won't already be committed to a table for their agency/program
- Funding Opportunities
 - i. Advancing Healthy Births
 - 1. funding to support Love Yourself, Love Your Baby taking place 2/22 for expectant moms
 - 2. transportation is available, refer families to contact Stefanie or Wendy to start the process
 - ii. Hillsdale County Community Foundation (HCCF)/Youth Grant
 - 1. wrapping up funds to support Talking is Teaching marketing
 - 2. shared cards with QR code to a survey to assess the reach of marketing efforts in the county
 - 3. each GSC member challenged to hand out their stack to Hillsdale County residents
 - iii. V.C. & Velma Knight Fund/HCCF
 - 1. Will be applying for funding; the application is due 2/14

4.. Subcommittee Reports

- Child Care - tabled to March meeting
- Community Resources, Andrea Bricker
 - i. working on an intentional plan for marketing CDC Milestone Moments app and tools
 - ii. Updating resource guide
 - iii. Partnering with Food Banks for book and Resource Guide QR code card distribution; potential for partnership with MSU Extension to use recipe cards with food pantries
 - iv. Have shifted the What's Next Social Emotional kits that used to be mailed to a kit to be used by home visitors, Domestic Harmony, and 3 of our county libraries; should be ready for use this month
- Literacy, Stephanie Hines
 - i. Book Nooks installed at OB Office/Centering Space and Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center
 - ii. 10 new Hillsdale County Kids Read partners identified
 - iii. 3 new locations identified for Little Free Libraries
 - iv. Beginning preparation for StoryWalk, scheduled for 7.19 with a rain date of 7.26
- Prenatal & Pediatric Health, Janell Morse

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- i. Events include Love Yourself, Love Your Baby, and Community Baby Shower
- ii. Intentional effort to bring new providers from the medical community to the table,
- iii. Putting together bookmarks for dads and to promote supporting moms during pregnancy; these will accompany the before, during, and after bookmarks created a few years back
- o Preschool Leadership & Advocacy, Mindy Wilson - tabled to March meeting

5. Community Updates

- o Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
 - i. 181 Early On referrals since July
 - ii. Participating in playgroups
 - iii. Spring Fling is tentatively scheduled for April 17th drive-through
 - iv. New speech therapist onboarding
- o Agency Updates
 - i. Mindy Eggleston/HCCF
 - 1. scholarship application due March 1 at 4:00; not just for graduating seniors
 - 2. Still have Love Your Community grants
 - 3. Youth grant due April 1st at 4:00

6. Next Meeting: March 3rd 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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