



Great Start Collaborative

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

- **Great Start Coordinator Report**

Open position for Executive Committee-with the dissolution of Macomb CHAP, the Macomb Great Start Executive Committee has an open position for a member at large to help support the early childhood work within the county.

MOU-GSC MOU for 2020. Please complete the MOU agreement for collaborative stakeholders.

Help Me Grow Fidelity Assessment for 2019

Macomb is running at Implementation with the exception of an interfacing database. This is a process that would be an overall Early Childhood database and those talks would be with higher level of administration. More information to come as this is reviewed.

- MDE closed the Top 10 in Ten survey on February 7th. Those that participated in the survey-the data collected will be used in the strategic planning efforts of Michigan Department of Education. More information is to come as the strategic planning continues.
- **Michigan Prenatal-to-Three Policy Agenda 2020-2023 (PDG-B5)**
 - 1-Ensure that race, income or zip code does not determine a child's destiny in Michigan
 - 2-Develop a statewide, cross-sector infant-toddler workforce strategy
 - 3-Expand enrollment in and access to high quality child care, early intervention, home visiting and preventative care services
 - 4-Strengthen how families learn about and access programs and services
 - 5-Actively support efforts led by partners and allies that positively impact infants and toddlers and their families
- **Talking is Teaching** Initiative is underway with the Trusted Advisor Grant from Michigan Department of Education. In December, Great Start received a 10,000.00 extension which provided books and Talking is Teaching materials for the county. This parent led initiative is being targeted to parents across Macomb County by the Great Start Parent Coalition.
- **Great Start Prenatal Task Force** has initiated a NO VAPE MACOMB to help bring awareness and support to pregnant mothers that are at risk vaping while pregnant. Materials will be distributed throughout the county along with NO VAPE bracelets.
- **Macomb Social Emotional Network** is in talks with ACE Master Trainers at the state level to bring ACE training to Macomb County for parents to participate in. MSN is currently hosting two upcoming trainings in March, March 4th Understanding the Toddlers World and March 23rd An Evening of Self Care.
- **Great Start Early Literacy Task Force** is moving forward on the parent targeted early literacy program-STAR-Spend Time and Read. Currently the locations are as follows: Kennedy Early Learning Center – Warren, Family Resource Center – Mt. Clemens, Gianna House – Eastpointe. All community members are encouraged to join in the fun and learn how to support early literacy with children, grandchildren or those in your care.

- Great Start is currently working on the **Summer Fun Guide**. If you are interested in getting any copies, please reach out to Kelly Isrow at kisrow@mysd.net.

- **Great Start Parent Coalition**

Great Start Parent Coalition is currently working on Summer Fun Guide. Parent Coalition meetings are continuing with the next date being March 12, 2020. Talking is Teaching initiative has set dates for the summer program. Please see attached flier (Dates: June 25th- McKinley Barrier Free Park, July 11th- Spindler Park, July 23rd-Halmich Park, August 8th- Grant Park Times: 10-12)

Kite Day is scheduled for May 2, 2020 from 12-3 at Prince Drewry Park

Detroit Public Television and PBS collaborated with Kennedy Early Learning Center for STEAM event on March 26th. Anyone interested in having a table there please contact Melissa

Pluszczynski at Pluszczynski.Melissa@vdps.net.

- **MLPP Update**

Work requirements for **SNAP** and Medicaid- reminder, new 3 yr period for SNAP started Jan 1 and Medicaid work requirement went into effect Jan 1 (being challenged in court)

CCJ is still looking for plaintiffs in their suit against the state re: Medicaid work.

Contact CCJ 1-800-724-7441.

If your client does not understand letter, or has questions about exemptions, refer them to call the Beneficiary Help Line at 1-800-642-3195

Public Charge update

Implementation on February 24th; Will only take into account usage of benefits on or after this date. Will not look at historical usage.

There are many exemptions, and this does not apply to all immigrants. The ruling is still going through the court system and could be stopped.

Visit www.protectingimmigrantfamilies.org for more information

MLPP Geographic Fact Sheets:

Census data by county: <https://mlpp.org/spotlight-on-your-county/>

Census data by legislative district: <https://mlpp.org/legislative-districts/>

Census data by selected cities: <https://mlpp.org/city-fact-sheets/>

Earned Income Tax Credit by county:

<https://mlpp.org/michigan-eitc-a-two-generation-approach-that-promotes-work-and-helps-kids/>

A First Look at Gov. Whitmer's 2021 State Budget:

<https://mlpp.org/budget-issues/a-first-look-at-gov-whitmers-2021-state-budget/>

MLPP Budget Priorities:

<https://mlpp.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/2021-budget-priority-summary-page.pdf>

Issue fact sheets: <https://mlpp.org/budget-issues/league-announces-2021-budget-priorities/>

- **LICC/HSCB**
- Traveling Tours is now on website
- Carmen Julia Garcia has retired from MISD and her replacement is Shannon Gordon
- New audiologist working with MIPP -Dr. Kimball

MiWorks-Macomb / St.Clair

There are 68 grand funding streams running through MiWorks currently. Those dollars work with small niches like: career exploration, veterans, job seeking, young professionals etc. If you have any needs or questions regarding the information provided by Cris Robson, please contact her directly at cristine@macomb-stclairworks.org.

Stakeholder Updates:

*Kennedy Early Learning Center added additional GSRP classroom

*MiRegistry has been updated and it is strongly encouraged to submit as an approved trainer and add all trainings. If help is needed, contact Carol Tresik at Carol.Tresik@liveunitedsem.org

LARA-There have been changes to the child care licensing book. An electronic version will be shared in the coming weeks.

*Head Start will be completing a Federal Review on March 3rd-CLASS assessment will be conducted. 168 GSRP / Headstart slots were added.

*United Health Care has had a prenatal expansion and has added the county collaborative as a referral

*Judson Center is in the beginning stages of having community conversations regarding the following: autism, substance abuse and anxiety. More information to come as Melissa participates in these conversations. The first will take place in Royal Oak.

*CARE still has parent scholarships for the Parenting Conference. March 16th is a ribbon cutting for the new recovery services office on Garfield / Utica. Please look at CARE website to join in.