



# Committee Summary Report

## November 2011

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### **Early Childhood & Community Partners** – Jean Garratt & Linda Herbert

- **2011 Kindergarten Survey** – The 4 participating districts have all received the survey. The deadline for completion was supposed to be October 21, but this was extended due to some training issues/glitches. The final survey was one-page with 15 questions. After all the data is collected and reviewed, our goal is to present our findings to principals, superintendents, etc. at a meeting in mid-February.
- **County-Wide Transition Documents** – We will be following up with both Howell & Fowlerville school districts to get their feedback on how well they felt this document helped them in placing their Kindergarten students this past spring and summer. We will also be deciding how we want to utilize this document next spring and with which school districts.
- **TQRIS (Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System)** – The website for provider self-assessment is supposed to go active in November. Moving from a quality Level One to Level Two or Level Three will require an on-line self evaluation. Moving to Level Four or Level Five will require a quality rater to make an on-site visit and complete an assessment. To provide adequate time for early learning and care providers to better understand TQRIS, no information on the initial Level One rating will be published or shared with parents for one year.

**CALL TO ACTION:** *We need more parents on our committee!*

### **Parents & Families** – Jaclyn Cronin & Patricia Murphy

- **Structure Change & Future Goals** – We discussed the new committee structure and our focus on parents and families. Although we will not be responsible for creating every document or program, we will need to continue identifying gaps and/or services for families or parents in our community and report back to GSL.
- **Information Document** – We discussed the idea of creating a simple, one-page document explaining Great Start with a better explanation of our connection to the community.
- **Co-Chair** – Jaclyn Cronin, a parent representative on our committee, will be taking over as Co-Chairperson for Donna Gehringer. This will free up Donna for more involvement in Livingston Promise.

**CALL TO ACTION:** *We need more parents on this committee! Since we are a committee that focuses on getting information to parents & families, we need input and feedback from parents!*

### **ICC (Interagency Coordinating Committee)** – Kris Resseguie (*No Updates – Next Quarterly Meeting: December 6*)

- **Revised ICC Meetings/Structure** – ICC will begin meeting quarterly with members participating in other GS Committees to share the needs and voice of the ICC community. We met last month on August 25.
- **Reviewed Last Years Goals** – Need to continue working on getting EO knowledge into the community. Sue Donaldson is the EO rep for connection/outreach services & will also be a Family Services Coordinator. Utilize the website and Facebook. Discussed the need for finding a tool to monitor how doctors are getting their information for making EO referrals.
- **EO Focus 0-2 & 2-3** –
  - Looking to help parents build systems and routines in their homes to build the skills necessary for preschool & K.
  - Discussed Project ImPACT through MSU (Improving Parents As Communication Teachers).
  - Work on getting the staff needed training to help children build the skills they need.
  - Connect with partner agencies to visit families together & help families connect with each other.
  - Build on the GAP system of kids ages 3-5 who don't qualify for special education, but have some needs.

## **Parent Leadership** – Holly Ward-Lamb

- **Parent Leadership Academy** – As of November 4, the Parent Leadership Program, “Parent Involvement Institute”, has finished Week 5 of its 6 sessions at LESA. The sessions started on October 6 every Thursday from 6-8 pm, with the last one being held November 10. Each session has been lead by local professionals and parent presenters and included small group discussions and activities. Overall, there have been 16 different participants who have attended the various sessions.

## **Healthcare Professionals** - Elaine Brown & Gina Coopersmith

- **Building Partnership with Pediatricians** – Dr. Wickham attended November’s meeting. Robin spoke at the Pediatricians Board Meeting on September 28 to further introduce Great Start Livingston and the goal of the Pediatric & Family Health Committee. Dr. Wickham suggested another GSL informational presentation should be made at a future meeting.
- **Connect Families to Medical Insurance**– Held Insurance Enrollment Training on Friday, September 23 in which 18 people attended. We will work on getting the people at all the trainings who have given their authorization to be listed on the GSL website as an alternative resource for families wanting to enroll their child in MIChild or Medicaid.
- **Membership** – Discussed targeting additional membership from the medical community.

## **Social & Emotional Health** - Jeri Lea Kroll & Courtni Holst

- **Priorities** – Priorities of Social & Emotional Wellness are: getting the ASQ on-line for parents, addressing the content of the website, and connecting with the pediatricians.
- **Next Steps** – With restructuring the committees based on target populations, we discussed the importance of having at least one key person from SE represented on each of the restructured committees to ensure the social & emotional wellness voice is heard and understood in every area of the Great Start components. We also discussed how we can better collaborate with programs already happening in the community so we are not duplicating efforts.

## **Finance** - Donna Gehringer

- **Livingston Promise Committee** - Met in November. Looking at options for 501(c) 3 status and/or working with community partners. We received an update from Child Connect for Family Success on the Quality Rating standards. Livingston Promise will need a method to determine “quality” childcare. We will be looking at 4 strategies: Fund Development, Assessment, Marketing and Implementation. The data derived from the K Readiness Survey, which was conducted in all county districts except Howell, will be used to establish a baseline for setting goals and tracking the results of the Livingston Promise initiative.