



Committee Summary Report

September 2011

Childcare & Early Education – Jean Garratt & Linda Herbert

- **2011 Kindergarten Survey** – Naomi, from Washtenaw Intermediate School District, has purchased 10 I-pads for the teachers to help them complete the Observation Survey. There will be one per building with data being entered directly into Data Director. The survey is down to 14 questions with 3 responses to choose from. Waiting for final PDF to be sent. Still looking like 4 of the 5 school districts will be completing the survey this fall.
- **Website** – The committee agreed on the wording for the website layout. We will now work on the links to be included on the website. It was noted we need to add a description to the Great Start Connect button so parent know what this resource is.
- **QRIS (Quality Rating & Improvement System)** - ECIC has chosen the High Scope Curriculum to use as the assessment tool they will be using to measure quality. ECIC has decided to move from pilot to actual state-wide most likely within the next year.

Family Support – Donna Gehringer & Patricia Murphy

- **New Mom's Packet/Basket Drawing** – So far, we have distributed 300 packets to various locations. Three 'lucky moms' were chosen as winners and have picked up their prizes. We will be putting their name and pictures on FB, the webpage and also have given a press release to Kim Root who is currently working on it. We have decided to have drawings once/quarter with the next drawing being on December 15.
- **Web Layout Review** – We have reviewed and made our recommended changes to the Web Page layout and now are coming up with ideas as to which links and/or documents we would like on our site.
- **Future Parents** – Beginning to research what type of classes and/or curriculum are currently being offered in Livingston County high schools.

CALL TO ACTION: We are a small committee and would welcome additional members!

ICC (Interagency Coordinating Committee) – Kris Resseguie

- **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 Our next quarterly meeting will be November 2 at 1pm.
- **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 – Jennifer Lange & Holly Ward-Lamb

- **Parent Leadership Academy** – The Parent Leadership Program, "Parent Involvement Institute" will begin the first of its 6 sessions on October 6 at LESA. The sessions will continue every Thursday from 6-8 pm through November 10. Each session will be lead by local professionals and parent presenters and will include small group discussions and activities. The cost is \$5 cash/session or \$25 cash in advance for all 6 sessions.

Pediatric & Family Health - Elaine Brown & Gina Coopersmith

- **Building Partnership with Pediatricians** – Dr. Wickham attended this month's meeting. Robin & Gina will be speaking at the Pediatricians Board meeting on September 28 to further introduce Great Start Livingston and the goal of the Pediatric & Family Health Committee. The team will continue to discuss future topics to bring to these meetings.
- **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.
- **Website** – Continue to work on the website layout in addition to important links and resources.

Social & Emotional Health - Jeri Lea Kroll & Courtni Holst *(No changes -Did not meet in September)*

- **Review Action Agenda**– At the August meeting, we discussed what we felt are the unmet SE needs and gaps in Livingston County and brainstormed about the priorities of the SE Committee. We will take these priorities into the Strategic Planning Meeting in September and use them to guide us in redefining our Action Agenda.
- **Postpartum Support Group** – Meetings will be held the 1st Wednesday every month from 10-11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Brighton. Our first community meeting was held on August 3. We are working on a feature article about PPD for the October issue of the Livingston Parent Journal.

Finance - Donna Gehringer

- **Livingston Promise Committee** - Met in September, regularly scheduled meetings are now the first Thursday of every month, 9:00 a.m. at LESA. Working to gather information on a county wide message of how education should look in Livingston County. Will look to refer to Kalamazoo county for information. Discussed the idea of a common Kindergarten enrollment form for the county.