

**Hillsdale County
Great Start Collaborative Meeting
October 6th, 2009 at 10:30 AM
Location: Hillsdale ISD, 310 W. Bacon**



**Hillsdale County Great Start Collaborative
Meeting Minutes from 10/6/09**

Attendees: Ginelle Skinner GSC Coordinator, Sandra Corbin GSC/Early On, Andrea Bricker Healthy Beginnings, Laura Nye DHS, Sharon Roberts HCISD Early On Coordinator, Maxine Vanderberg CAA, Lois Wolff (Parent), Alice Perks (Parent), Lisa Tinkey Parent Liaison, Nedene Monforton (Parent), Amber Ridemour Kinship Care, LaDonna Burkeen Integro llc, Tressa Reiniche HCHC/OBYG, Brooke Rains CCN, Jane Sanderson HCSSC, Cathy Cosley (Parent), Cynthia Rowe CAA, Rod Mesarosh Parent, and Lois Foster HCS .

Following introductions, the meeting started with opportunities for agency updates. Many local agencies discussed program cuts, changes, and uncertainties. Brooke Rains informed the collaborative members of changes to The Southeast Great Start Regional Resource Center (formally called Child Care Network). Child care referral services and child care training is still the mission of the program. Maxine Vanderberg from CAA announced their “warm the children” program aimed to provide winter apparel for low income families. Application accepted on Oct. 28th from 8 am to 6 pm. Jane Sanderson from HCSSC reports a Candle Light Ceremony for those impacted by Alzheimer’s disease on Nov. 17th, please call 437-2422 for more information. Thank you to all agencies that provide us with program updates.

Lisa Tinkey, Parent Liaison, provided update of the Parent Coalition Meetings and the newly developed Parent Coalition Vision Statement. **The next Parent Coalition Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 15th at the College Baptist Church from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.** For more information about the Parent Coalition please contact Lisa Tinkey at ltinkey@hillsdale-isd.org or call (517) 437-0990 ext. 217. Please let your parents know that the coalition is still looking for more parent members/leaders.

Ginelle announced that the community report card was provided to the community for review and discussion. A list of the locations/agencies who received the community report card was provided in the agenda

packet. As well, the most common responses from the community were also listed. Ginelle announced the **Great Start Retreat** scheduled for **Friday Nov. 20th**. This is a free all day event. We are hoping that all collaborative member agencies will be represented at the retreat. Please RSVP to Ginelle Skinner by calling 437-0990 ext. 207 or email her at gskinner@hillsdale-isd.org.

The group broke into their subcommittee groups to begin the strategic planning process in preparation for the retreat.

The meeting was adjourned with lunch provided to participants. The next meeting will be replaced by the **Great Start Retreat on Friday Nov. 20th**. The location will be at Camp Michindon on Bacon St. from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Hope to see you all there!