

**Hillsdale County
Early Childhood Community (ECC) Meeting
May 10th, 10-noon, 2011
Location: Hillsdale ISD, 310 W. Bacon**



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Meeting Minutes from 5/10/2011**

Attendees:

Cindy Rowe, GS Chair, CAA	Nichole Sponseller, Domestic Harmony
Jane Sanderson, GS Vice-Chair, Kinship Care	Kay Stoyk, HCISD
Ginelle Skinner, GS Coordinator	Lois Wolff, Grandparent, Kinship Care
Lisa Tinkey, GS Parent Liaison	Lisa Tesch, Kinship Care
Grace DeForest, CAA	Alice Perks, Grandparent, Kinship Care
Liz Quigley, HCISD	Stacy Vondra, Mary Randall Preschool
Loretta Tobolske-Horn, HCISD	Nedene Monforton, Parent
Charnell Davis, HB	Valarie Newton, CSHCS, CHA
Ruth Farwell, CAA	Linda Quiggle, Jonesville District Library
Kelly Emery, CAA	Erin Friskney, Karan Jenkins Preschool
Brooke Rains, CCN	Gratia Karmes, CAA
Denise Kerwin, CAA	Tanya Jenkins, Karan Jenkins Preschool
Christina Gjestland, Highfields	Mary Proctor, CHA
Andrea Bricker, Healthy Beginnings	Jamie Monahan, HCISD
Kellie Baker, Lifeways	Tashia Myers, HCCCA
Jill Rodenhauer, United Way	Brenda Flint, HCISD
Pam Cross, HCISD	Carla Jarrett, Parent
Abby Alley, HCISD	Riley Thilo, DHS

Following introductions, the meeting started with opportunities for agency updates. Cindy Rowe announced the upcoming Head Start Picnic on May 11th. Enrollments for Head Start are going on now and will continue until all the slots are filled. Jane Sanderson, Kinship Care, announced the upcoming Ice Cream Social and Talent Show at the Senior Center on May 19th from 4-8pm. Also she announced the Mom 2 Mom sale on June 4th from 9-1. The booths are \$25.00 and admission is \$1.00. Call the Senior Center for more information 437-2422. Linda Quiggle from Jonesville Library announced their Summer programs for children with the theme of Animals from around the World. Denise from CAA announced the upcoming Proud Fathers and Healthy Couples classes. Call George Yoder for openings. Kellie Baker talked about Lifeways new Access to services and asked for feedback about how things are going. Jill from United Way talked about the Bridges Training starting and that they were already full of participants with 11 on the waiting list for the next training. She also announced the upcoming United Way Golf Outing on July 25th. Andrea Bricker, Healthy Beginnings, announced their new funding award of \$15,000 from PNC Bank. She also announced upcoming classes for Childbirth every 4th Monday from 3:30-5:30 at the WIC office and the Circle of Parents is having a free training in June on the 2nd and 4th Thurs. Call Andrea for more information. Mary Proctor from the Community Health Agency announced the new WIC guidelines and the upcoming Car Seat Safety Event at Stillwell Ford on May 21st from 10-2pm.

Minutes from the previous meeting were submitted and approved. Lois made a motion to approve, and Denise 2nd.

The "Giving Kids a Great Start Award" was presented to Hillsdale Community Library. Aimee England, accepted on behalf of the Library.

Lisa Tinkey, Parent Liaison, gave an update for the Great Start Parent Coalition. The March meeting was the topic of Bridges Out of Poverty, with Jill Rodenhauser being the speaker. The next meeting will be held on May 18th at Community Action Agency and the topic is Safety for Kids, Trooper Miller will be the presenter from the Michigan State Police Post. The Parent Coalition will be "going on the road" this Summer with our PC on the road events. See flyer for more information.

Ginelle announced the award of \$6,000 to the Great Start Collaborative for Imagination Library.

The Great Start Star Power Rally is coming up on May 19th. It is a rally at the capitol to bring awareness of programming for young children. Last year we had over 3000 parents and children that attended the event. There will be lunch provided, transportation, and children activities throughout the day. We will also have a chance to meet with our legislators during the day at a scheduled time. If you are interested in signing up to attend you can go to www.greatstartforkids.org/star-power. You must register online by May 9th, but you can register on that day as well. The parade around the capitol begins at 10am. See Lisa Tinkey if you are interested in registering and needing transportation.

Great Start is hosting another Ready to Learn Training on May 20th. There will be 30 slots for participants. The focus this time will be on Literacy. We will have WKAR in the morning and then we will have a special speaker that will give activity ideas for using the books that participants receive with children.

Loretta Tobolske-Horn announced an upcoming Preschool Fitness Class that will be starting this Summer. The flyers are on the table. We have 16 slots available for 4-5 year olds that are not yet in Kindergarten.

An upcoming Autism Focus Group will be hosted by Lifeways on May 17th from 10:30-noon at the Hillsdale ISD. Flyers are on the table for more information.

The Great Start collaborative and Early On will be having a booth at Kids Fest and others on the Collaborative were invited to join. We will have rubber ducks to decorate, a duck pond and prizes. We will also be sharing parenting information.

Ginelle thanked Cindy Rowe for being the Great Start Chair for the past 2 years and Jane Sanderson for being the Vice Chair. She also thanked the subcommittee chairs by giving all of them a potted plant.

The election for the 2011-12 officers was held:

ECC chair-Brooke Rains

ECC Vice chair-Jill Rodenhauser

ECC Co-Secretaries-Carla Jarrett and Lisa Tinkey

The top 3 priorities were reviewed:

To increase the awareness of and access to parenting education opportunities

To focus on helping all children have access to quality child care and preschool programming

To increase the awareness and access of mental health services for young children

Meeting was adjourned and groups met in their subcommittees.

The next meeting will be:

Early Childhood Community Meeting

September 13th, 2011 (no Summer meetings)

10-noon

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