



## Montcalm County

### Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative

#### **Agenda**

12/7/22

11:30am - 1:30pm

Meeting in Person at MAISD 621 New St Stanton

- I. Call to order:
- II. Welcome & Introductions:
- III. Public Comment:
- IV. December Agenda Approval:
- V. October Meeting Minutes Approval:
- VI. Director Report: Cari O'Connor
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Highlight Presentation: Michigan Alliance for Families- Debbie Whitford
  - B. Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE)- Abby Blondin
  - C. Talking is Teaching- Trusted Advisor Training- Monique Cooper
  - D. 32P Workplan approval\*- Cari O'Connor
- VIII. Old Business:
  - A. Dolly Parton Imagination Library update
  - B. Early On Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC): Cindy DeYoung
  - C. Talking is Teaching Update: Monique Cooper
- IX. Committee Reports:
  - A. Executive & Communication: Jessica Higley
  - B. Early Care & Education: Mindy Train
  - C. Family Wellness: Karen Marsman
  - D. Parent Leadership & Talking is Teaching: Monique Cooper
- X. Roundtable Updates
- XI. Principals of Collaboration Survey
- XII. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Location 621 New St Stanton MI 48888

\*\*Please see our website for the most updated calendar information at [www.GreatStartMontcalm.org](http://www.GreatStartMontcalm.org).

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### Minutes

10/5/22

11:30am - 1:30pm

Meeting in Person at MAISD 621 New St Stanton

**I. Call to order:**

Higley called the meeting to order at 11:30 am

**II. Welcome & Introductions:**

Present: Alisha Bartlett, Abbey Blondin, Janel Boulis, Elizabeth Buskirk, Renae Caudill, Monique Cooper, Cindy DeYoung, Jessica Higley, Sue Kearney, Dena Kent, Karen Marsman, Anita McIntyre, Lillie McNeil, Cari O'Connor, Jennifer Peterman, Nancy Secor, Drew Train, Mindy Train, Joanna Urban

**III. Public Comment:**

None

**IV. October Agenda Approval:**

*Motioned was made by Renae Caudill and supported by Nancy Secor, to approve the agenda for the October, meeting as presented, motion carried.*

**V. August Meeting Minutes Approval:**

*Motioned was made by Janel Boulis and supported by Renae Caudill, to approve the minutes from the August, meeting as presented, motion carried.*

**VI. Director Report: Cari O'Connor**

**2022-2023 Preschool applications** are being processed and widely distributed!

<https://form.jotform.com/211446595790060>

If you have not put the application on your social media or shared on Facebook (link or web address) please do so to encourage preschool participation! Preschool Matters campaign is going on since Late Aug. Includes billboards, radio, social media, and Daily Newsprint and social media campaign. As of 9/7/22 we have 328 enrolled. Some programs are full, while others have openings. About 50 openings across the MAISD.

**32P Budget Status:** We received our allocation for 2022-2023. In 2021-2022 had a \$300 cut. 2022-2023 32P cut was almost \$1000. We continue to communicate with our elevated officials that this grant does not cover required expenses and is one of very few State level Early Childhood programs that that received stagnant funding in the 2022-2023 budget process. Please see talking points to join us in the conversations! We have submitted the proposed budget and workplan. Once we have had our Feedback meeting with our Great Start TA that information will be brought to the board for final approval.

**2021-2022 Community Preschool Report:** GSRP Current enrollment 330 children Annual Preschool report has been released. District specific information is in the report. Percentage of Children last spring that left GSRP at or above benchmark:

- 82% Early Mathematics
- 85% Early Literacy
- 91% Language Development
- 94% Physical Fine motor
- 95% Physical Gross motor

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**MI Comp Fiscal Analysis Work Group:** We continue to meet. Focus has been on coming up with an actual cost for running high quality childcare and preschool opportunities. This may help support the Universal Preschool case and help our elected offices have a better understanding of what they are paying for (or not paying for)!

**MCGSC:** Playgroup activities are happening! Please spread the word! In person options all over the county! All families with children under 5 are welcome to participate. Literacy support is continuing as we are incorporating Talking is Teaching elements for books along with Play Learn & Read Resources! Locations for playgroup this year are Greenville, Montabella, Tri County, Sidney! Parent Coalition is meeting monthly! Please help us in spreading the word and connecting with parents by putting this information on your Facebooks & social media!

**SOM Preschool Collaborative:** Key priority is universal preschool working in conjunction with Head Start to provide as many options as possible for ALL student 3 & 4! We continue to meet to discuss how to make this opportunity available for all MI 4-year-olds.

**MCGSC Thank You's and Recognitions**

United Way Bike donation!

Helpers at all of our Back to School Bashes & End of Summer events!

**VII. New Business:**

**A. Highlight Presentation: Family Futures (CONNECTIONS) – Susi Alonso**

Presentation attached

**B. What is Early On? – Cindy DeYoung**

Presentation attached

**C. Vice Chair Nominations Open for 2022-2023\***

*Sue Kearney self-nominated Motioned was made by Nancy Secor and supported by Karen Marsman, to appoint Sue Kearney as the MCGSC 2022-2023 Vice Chair, as presented, motion carried.*

**D. Chair Nominations Open for 2022-2023\***

*Jessica Higley stepped up to continue being the chair, motioned was made by Nancy Secor and supported by Karen Marsman, to appoint Jessica Higley as the MCGSC 2022-2023 Chair, as presented, motion carried.*

**VIII. Old Business:**

**A. Dolly Parton Imagination Library update**

1,070 children currently enrolled

Applied for the following grants for 2023

Lakeview Area Community Foundation, Greenville Area Community Foundation, Montcalm Panhandle, Central Montcalm Community Foundation, Montcalm Wind

**B. Early On Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC): Cindy DeYoung**

Report attached

**C. Talking is Teaching Update: Monique Cooper**

Created a Let's Talk About Montcalm County (poster attached) able to make poster to fit your organization, just let Monique know if you are interested, currently working on one for Alpha Family Services and Safe Sleep.

Park sign in up in Sheridan, park in front of the fire department

**IX. Committee Reports:**

**A. Executive & Communication: Jessica Higley**

Reviewed agenda, workplan and budget

**B. Early Care & Education: Mindy Train**

Hosted an Early Childhood Conference at the MACC on September 17<sup>th</sup>

28 participants attended, from 7 counties, participants attended a keynote session and two breakout sessions.

**C. Family Wellness: Karen Marsman**

Currently planning last details for the Trick or Treat event at the Heritage village on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and starting to plan Tooth Fairy event in February.

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#### **D. Parent Leadership & Talking is Teaching: Monique Cooper**

Parent Coalition meeting on Monday, planning something fun for the kids and parents will have a more Q & A discussion, to have more parent interactions with each other.

#### **X. Roundtable Updates**

- Sue- We Care for Kids Council is currently doing Protect Yourself classes with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, should be wrapped up in December and will teach 1<sup>st</sup> graders after the holidays and finished by May, also reviewing the curriculum and possibly switching to something different, something that shows concrete data. October is Safe Sleep month, provided Alpha Family services with sleep sacks and partnered with WIC to provide pack and plays and safe sleep sacks.
- Karen- Alpha Family Services has had an increase in new clients, addition is done, currently working on remodeling on the inside of the building. Indoor garage sale on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Foster closet is up and available to those that are fostering children.
- Dena- MMDHD is offering flu/COVID vaccine and booster by appointment, 5 years and up and also offering to homebound patients, Oral health coordinator is doing oral screenings for all kindergarteners and Head Start and GSRP preschool classrooms.
- Jennifer- Welcome baby is doing in person home visits and currently telehealth visits.
- Cindy- Early On is federal and state funded and just wrapped up submitting grants
- Joanna- MSUE is offering many 4H programs for youth, visit Facebook page for upcoming programs.
- Lillie- WRRRC partner with MCGSC and hosted two lunch and learn series and 5 participants attended and enjoyed the sessions. Self-Assessment system change February 1<sup>st</sup>, should make things much simpler
- Janel- EightCAP Head Start and Early Head Start has openings. Just recently moved out of the Lakeview elementary school into their auxiliary building and has space for 2 classrooms and a gym, currently using one classroom, hoping to open the other classroom next year.
- Renae- currently has labradoodle puppies, price is reasonable
- Abby- RAVE, everything is going well, increase in younger children, October is Domestic Violence awareness month, will be posting on FB daily.
- Cari- Discover Montcalm Podcast with Duane Weed
  - Steve Foster - From Tool and Die, MAISD Board President to Outdoor Videography - episode 7
    - <https://discovermontcalmpodcast.com/steve-foster-from-tool-and-die-to-outdoor-videography-episode-7/>
  - Please share this facebook link on your page with a comment (copy this link and paste in your facebook and share-thank you):
    - [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0Fz7hfnBFx5MzuJL5XAWzJsCHu6jnLwwYLPldMrpTjBSYasEFWcSqeUDL9E9rjLpfl&id=100057481027859](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0Fz7hfnBFx5MzuJL5XAWzJsCHu6jnLwwYLPldMrpTjBSYasEFWcSqeUDL9E9rjLpfl&id=100057481027859)
  - Past Episodes:
    - 100 years of history-Margaret Krebs episode 6
    - Coffee by Jon Trufant Coffee Roaster episode 5
    - Adam Eller Carson City Village Market Discover Montcalm Podcast-Episode 4
    - Busy Bee's Embroidery & Gifts Stanton Michigan Episode 3
    - discover Montcalm Podcast Fighting Falcon Military Museum Greenville Michigan-Episode 2
    - Discover Montcalm Podcast episode 1 - Find out WHY Duane started Discover Montcalm
- Jessica- DHHS currently working on Foster Operation Good Chair and collecting gifts for families and delivering December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**XI. Principals of Collaboration Survey  
Questions/Feedback for Connections**

- Very interested in revisiting the idea of connecting childcare providers and families with connections
- Thank you
- Great information

**Questions/Feedback for Early On**

- Always good to hear about what is going on, childcare providers really appreciate the relationship
- Good refresher

**Highlight Presentation Ideas**

- We Care for Kids
- RAVE
- Alpha Families Services
- MIHP- what programs and services are offered

**Lunch Option Vote for Upcoming Meetings**

- Taco Soup- 11 votes
- Pizza- 0 votes
- Taco Bar- 6 votes
- Potluck- 2 votes

**XII. Adjournment**

*Mindy Train motion to adjourn at 1:15 pm, Nancy Secor seconded, motioned carried.*

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***Don't forget to REFER today for any infant or toddler you have concerns about! ANYONE can refer.***

***Go to: [www.1800Earlyon.org](http://www.1800Earlyon.org) or call 1-800-EarlyOn***

## ***MAISD Early On LICC Report: December 7, 2022***

### **Comparison Referral Data**

	2017-18 Referrals	2018-19 Referrals	2019-20 Referrals	2020-21 Referrals	2021-22 Referrals	2022-2023 Referrals
July	16	30	35	20	28	9
August	27	40	33	16	26	38
September	24	13	25	24	30	27
October	17	24	19	32	24	19
November	12	17	12	11	34	25*
December	8	17	21	18	14	
January	15	22	35	30	32	
February	29	35	34	23	28	
March	26	26	25	25	38	
April	31	34	14	31	26	
May	17	32	10	22	24	
June	24	25	16	24	33	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>337</b>	

\*as of November 28, 2022

**As of November 28, 2022, Montcalm Area ISD Early On has:**

- 22 Children in Referral
- 142 Children enrolled and receiving Early On Services.
- 20 (included in the 142) are receiving special education services (Michigan Mandated Special Education MMSE).

## Early On Conference- November 16-17, 2022

14 staff members attended the Early On conference in November in Traverse City. Katie, Monique and I presented a breakout session about Playgroups. It was very well attended, people were engaged and asked a lot of questions. All Early On staff reported great learning while attending the conference.

## 22-23 Playgroups

Playgroups are going really well! Great attendance and parent feedback!



## Professional development

Cari Ebert is coming for a full day professional development day on December 14, 2022 being held at the Montcalm Community College. All Early On staff, GRSP staff and area childcare providers and related service providers will be attending. She is presenting on "The Power of Play." Check her website <https://www.cariebertseminars.com/> or follow her on Social Media to see what she has to say about child development and autism.

## Community Outreach Materials

We purchased a number of new community outreach materials with American Rescue Plan funds. Some items include: keychains, sunglasses, fidgets, pens and cups. We also purchased a shade tent and teardrop banner to improve our public presence.

## Early On staff for the 22-23 School year

- 4 Special education Teachers
- 3 Speech Language Pathologist
- 1 Occupational Therapist
- 1 School Social Worker
- 1.7 Physical Therapists
- .3 Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

## Social Media:

Elizabeth Buskirk has been creating amazing visuals for our Facebook Page.



## RESOURCES:

Check us out on Social Media



Montcalm Co. Playgroup

Private group



MAISD Early On

- Need more developmental wheels, Early On Pamphlets or other Materials? Email Elizabeth Buskirk at [ebuskirk@maisd.com](mailto:ebuskirk@maisd.com)
- Interested in having an Early On Staff Member come speak to your organization? Email Cindy DeYoung at [cdeyoung@maisd.com](mailto:cdeyoung@maisd.com)





## ~COME PLAY WITH US~

### FREE Playgroup Opportunity in Montcalm County for Parents & Children!



Any family with children from ages birth thru 4 years old living in Montcalm Area Intermediate School District is welcome to attend.

Registration is preferred prior to attending. Call (616) 225-6146 to register or for more information.

#### Highlights

- \*Try new activities with your child that will stimulate your child's development!
- \*Learn songs and read books (receive a copy of each book to keep)
- \*Interact with other parents and children!
- \*Learn strategies to use at home and have access to Early Childhood professionals to ask questions.

Book of the Month			
September- Llama Llama Red Pajama October- There's a Monster in Your Book November- Pete the Cat's Big Lunch December-If You Give a Mouse a Cookie		January-Little Critter Just a Snowman February- Wild Feelings March- Clifford the Big Red Dog April- Ten Pigs Epic Bath May- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed the ABCs	
<b>Tri County Middle School</b> 21350 Kendaville Rd Howard City, MI 49329 Tuesday Morning 9:30am – 11:00am  September - 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> October – 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> December – 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> January – 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> February – 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> March – 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> April –18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Montabella Elementary</b> 1456 North County Line Rd Blanchard, MI 49310 Wednesday Morning 9:30am – 11:00am  September - 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> November – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> December – 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> January – 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> February – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Montcalm Area Career Center</b> 1550 W Sidney Rd Sidney, MI 48885 Wednesday Morning 9:30am – 11:00am  September - 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> October – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> November – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> December – 7 <sup>th</sup> January – 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> February – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Mt Calvary Church</b> 908 W Oak St Greenville, MI 48838 Thursday Morning 9:30am – 11:00am  September – 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> October – 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> November – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> December – 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> January – 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> February – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> March – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> April –20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Evening Playgroup at Mt. Calvary Church</b> 908 W Oak St Greenville, MI 48838 5:30pm-6:30pm		September 22 October 27 November 10	December 8 January 19 February 23  March 16 April 20 May 11



# Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

**Montcalm County GSC Board Meetings** (at the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton):

**Contact person:** [Cari O'Connor](#)

- **October 5, 2022**, from 11:30-1:30pm
- **December 7, 2022**, from 11:30-1:30pm
- **February 1, 2023**, from 11:30-1:30pm
- **April 5, 2023**, from 11:30-1:30pm
- **June 7, 2023**, from 11:30-1:30 pm
- **August 2, 2023**, from 11:30-1:30 pm

**Montcalm County GSC Committee Meetings:**

**Executive & Communications Committee** (at the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton):

**Contact person:** [Cari O'Connor](#)

- **November 2, 2022**, from 11:30am-1:00pm
- **March 1, 2023**, from 11:30am-1:00pm
- **May 3, 2023**, from 11:30am-1:00pm
- **September 6, 2023**, from 11:30am-1:00pm

**Parent Leadership Committee - Parent Coalition Meetings** (meetings will be located at the Montcalm Area Career Center, 1550 W Sidney Rd, Sidney)

**Contact person:** [Monique Cooper](#)

- **August 8, 2022**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **September 12, 2022**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **October 10, 2022**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **November 14, 2022**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **December 12, 2022**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Holiday potluck with crafts and a special guest)
- **January 9, 2023**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **February 13, 2023**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **March 13, 2023**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Parenting Awareness Month, special event)
- **April 10, 2023**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)
- **May 8, 2023**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Childcare and dinner will be provided)

- **June 12, 2023**, from 5:30pm-7:00pm (Summer kickoff event)

**Montcalm County GSC Committee Meetings:**

**Family Wellness Committee** (at the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Stanton):

**Contact person: Monique Cooper**

- **October 5, 2022**, from 1:30-2:30pm
- **December 7, 2022**, from 1:30-2:30pm
- **February 1, 2023**, from 1:30-2:30pm
- **April 5, 2023**, from 1:30-2:30pm
- **June 7, 2023**, from 1:30-2:30pm
- **August 2, 2023**, from 1:30-2:30pm

**Early Care & Education Committee** (meetings are currently being held virtually through Zoom):

**Contact person: Mindy Train**

- **October 12, 2022**, from 9:00am-10:00am
- **December 14, 2022**, from 9:00am-10:00am
- **February 8, 2023**, from 9:00am-10:00am
- **April 12, 2023**, from 9:00am-10:00am
- **June 14, 2023**, from 9:00am-10:00am
- **August 9, 2023**, from 9:00am-10:00am
- **Early Childhood Conference, September 16, 2023**

## **Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative Support Staff Contact Information**

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Direct questions regarding this form to:  
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## FY23 Work Plan - Montcalm County Great Start Collaborative



**Due: September 15, 2022**

<b>IM-02-66 Rev. 7/22</b> <b>AUTHORITY:</b> State School Aid Act, Sec. 32p <b>COMPLETION:</b> Voluntary. (Consideration for funding will not be possible if form is not filed.)	Michigan Department of Education Office of Great Start P.O. Box 30008 Lansing, Michigan 48909	<b>Submission Date: 9/15/22</b>  <b>Revision Date(s):</b>
<p>Development and implementation of an application, with concomitant resources budgeted to fulfill the goals and objectives are required. Through the submission of the application in NexSys, the ISD as the entity with fiduciary responsibility for the Section 32p Grants (which includes both the GSC/GSPC as well as any designated early childhood/family programming and where applicable Home Visiting Funds), confirms that the work plan has been reviewed and the activities are supported and approved by the Great Start Collaborative.</p>		
<p><b>APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-At least one goal under each outcome is required.</li><li>-At least two parent led strategies are required and cannot be under the same outcome.</li><li>-Incorporate the goals and strategies from the Strengthening Families Assessment throughout the plan.</li><li>-Each goal should not only service the early childhood outcome, but also the components of the early childhood system.</li><li>-Convene workgroups to achieve the early childhood outcomes while addressing the components of the early childhood system, including the required school readiness advisory committee.</li><li>-Provide all required information under each outcome as outlined.</li></ul> <p><b>Outcomes 2 and 3:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Complete the additional items under the required goals. Including selecting the appropriate strategies under outcome 2.</li><li>-Other goals under each outcome may be selected, but are not necessary.</li></ul>		
<p><b>PLAN PREPARATION AND UPLOADS</b></p> <p>Once the Application and Work Plan is completed, submit in the approved manner, and upload it as an attachment into NexSys with the completed Budget information. Also attach the most recently approved and revised Action Agenda(s).</p>		
<p><b>REVIEW PROCESS</b></p> <p>All plans will be reviewed by staff of MDE/OGS, and when necessary, its contractors. Incomplete plans or plans failing to meet specifications will not be reviewed or considered for funding. Only those plans meeting all identified criteria and not exceeding the total amount of funds available will be recommended for funding to the State Superintendent. All funding will be subject to approval by the State Superintendent. All ISDs that submit a plan will be notified of the State Superintendent's action and have the right to appeal.</p>		

<b>GSC Staff:</b>	<b>FTE for GSC/PC work only:</b>	<b>Split funded position</b>	<b>If yes, list other funding sources:</b>	<b>If yes, list other ISD/organization roles outside of Director/PL</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone number:</b>
GSC Director/Coordinator: Cari O'Connor	<b>.75</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<b>.25 Inclusion &amp; GSRP ECC</b>	<b>coconnor@maisd.com</b>	<b>616 225 6146</b>
GSC Director/Coordinator:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Lead Parent Liaison: Mindy Train	<b>20 hours per week</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<b>Contract position</b>	<b>Mtrain@maisd.com</b>	<b>616 225 6150</b>
Parent Liaison: Monique Cooper	<b>20 hours per week</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Early On</b>	<b>Parent peer mentor</b>	mcooper@maisd.com	616 225 6178
Parent Liaison: Drew Train	<b>20 hours per week</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<b>Contract position</b>	<b>dtrain@maisd.com</b>	<b>616 225 6166</b>
Parent Liaison:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

<b>ISD Lead Staff/ECAN Member:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Email:</b>
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# OUTCOME 1

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<p><b>% and # of children not reaching targeted outcome(s), broken down by demographics when possible (Targeted Problem(s)):</b></p> <p>2020 Kids Count data:</p> <p>Births with late or no prenatal care 7.1% Montcalm County 5.9% State</p> <p>Births with less than adequate prenatal care 32% Montcalm County 32.2% State</p> <p>Local Targets: 2022 Kindergarten Report Data Info: 718 entering kindergartners 3% reported not having a doctor 70% children immunized/ State is at 69% / <b>Population 0-5 2020: 4,278</b></p>		
<p><b>Goal related to the targeted problem(s): Advance health equities for young children.</b></p>		
<p><b>Objective(s) related to the goal:</b> Lead coordinated message with community partners to support the social emotional and physical health needs of Montcalm County families.</p>		
<p><b>Strategy 1:</b> Host ANNUAL Community Baby Shower (CBS).</p>	<p><b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b> Access, Support, Resources Existing, new or to be Parents don't know what services/supports are available &amp; how to access per Strategic Planning Root Cause process.</p>	<p><b>Performance Measure(s):</b> Families will have an increased knowledge of their children's developmental progress and services available to support them in being their child's first and best teacher.</p>

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Develop plan of action for CBS; including identify partnerships to support community wide CBS event	Wellness Committee	January 1, 2023	Staff, Funds & Supplies	Number of partnerships, number of participants, CBS survey results	
Promotion & marketing CBS opportunity	Wellness Committee	March 1, 2023	Staff, Funds & Supplies	Number of partnerships, number of participants	
Promote CONNECTIONS resource (ASQ tool)	Wellness Committee	April 1, 2023	Staff	Number of CONNECTIONS sign ups	
Garner community partnerships & financial supports for CBS	MCGSC Director & Parent Liaisons	March 1, 2023	Staff	Number of community partnerships (maintained & new) Number of financial resources secured	
Data Review & collection: Annual Kindergarten Round Up survey	Parent Liaisons & Parent Board Members	September 30, 2023,	Staff	Local data collected to determine CBS priorities	
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<b>% and # of children not reaching targeted outcome(s), broken down by demographics when possible (Targeted Problem(s)):</b> 64% of our students receive free or reduced lunch. 63% of our entering kindergartens are enrolled in an early childhood program. Up to 60% of our entering Kindergarteners have identified ACEs. 29% of Montcalm County households are identified as ALICE, some townships up to 57%.			
<b>Goal related to the targeted problem(s):</b> <b>Improve maternal and child health outcomes through an active collaboration with WIC, the GSC and GSPC</b>			
<b>Objective(s) related to the goal:</b> <b>Increase supports to individuals and families around nutrition and physical activity, including referrals to WIC programs and services</b>			
<b>Strategy 1:</b> <b><u>(Possible strategies to choose from, must have 2)</u></b>  <b>-Utilize the GSPC and WIC participants to provide beneficiary voice</b> to support the Intentional implementation of face-to-face connectivity with WIC clients, WIC staff & MCGSC parent representatives (This is a next steps/ Follow up from previous activity of: Create a plan for joint trainings/meetings between WIC and the GSPC)		<b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b>  Mutually beneficial cross collaboration must be intentional & ongoing among programs and entities due to rural isolation	
		<b>Performance Measure(s):</b>  Better understanding by Early Childhood providers and parents that referral to services and supports is a part of our role in the community.  Families are connected to supports and services available per their identified needs (number of resource & referral as a direct result of the strategy).	
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Conduct a minimum of 4 activities at 2 sites for joint WIC & Parent Coalition referral activity between WIC and the GSPC/Parent Liaisons.	MCGSC Parent representatives	September 2023	Staff, material & supplies	Number of Parent connections & referrals provided		
Ongoing planning to support WIC and PC promotion activities by MCGSC partners & board members.	MCGSC Board members	September 2023	Staff, material & supplies	WIC & PC participation		
Recruit WIC parent for Wellness Committee participation	Wellness Committee	September 2023	Staff, Funding	WIC participation & voice increased		
<b>Strategy 2:</b> <b>(Possible strategies to choose from, must have 2)</b>  MCGSC Summer Celebration Resource Tools: Priority on <b>expanding information to promote WIC enrollment, health educational opportunities and materials, including breastfeeding promotion and support.</b>	<b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b>  Mutually beneficial cross collaboration must be intentional & ongoing among programs and entities due to rural isolation		<b>Performance Measure(s):</b> Better understanding by Early Childhood providers and parents that referral to services and supports is a part of our role in the community.			
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Secure funding for a billboard campaign to promote breastfeeding supports	Wellness Committee	September 2023	Staff, Funding	Number of Partnerships supporting campaign		
Secure materials for summer celebrations resource tool for distribution across Montcalm County	<b>Parent Liaisons</b>	September 2023	Staff, material & supplies	Number of materials provide by partners & number of parent connections made *Target 600 parents		
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<p><b>% and # of children not reaching targeted outcome(s), broken down by demographics when possible (Targeted Problem(s)):</b></p> <p>Montcalm County has 57 eligible providers  44% overall participation for eligible providers in GSTQ  44% home-based participation</p> <p><b>In many of our school districts GSRP is the only center-based option for child care and preschool opportunities as we have a Child Care desert designation.</b></p> <div data-bbox="111 699 1339 1101"> <p style="text-align: center;">2021-2022</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Percent of Children At or Above Expected Growth Range</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Year end data</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Percent</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Physical Gross Motor</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physical Fine Motor</td> <td>94%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Language Development</td> <td>91%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Early Literacy</td> <td>85%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Early Mathematics</td> <td>82%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>		Category	Percent	Physical Gross Motor	95%	Physical Fine Motor	94%	Language Development	91%	Early Literacy	85%	Early Mathematics	82%
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<p><b>Objective(s) related to the goal:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review and make recommendations regarding the components of the Great Start Readiness Program.</li> <li>2. Increase regional capacity for communication and resource sharing for the purpose of creating local AND Statewide system changes.</li> <li>3. Families will understand and have access to high quality, developmentally appropriate, evidenced based programs.</li> </ol>													

<b>Strategy 1:</b> The school readiness advisory committee will address the needs of school readiness across the community.		<b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b> Access, Resources, & Support Parents don't know what services are available & how to access per Strategic Planning Root Cause process.  Joint Recruitment process needs parent connection and support to continue operations in a parent friendly manner.		<b>Performance Measure(s):</b> Early childhood services and supports in Montcalm County are aligned with best practices & build resiliency supports in our preschool classrooms.  My Teaching Strategies GSRP objective data in Literacy and Social Emotional will be at 80% or higher.  Evidence of high parent connection in GSRP classrooms.  System of Resource & Referral information to GSRP families
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School readiness advisory committee meets with regularity and is comprised of the required and recommended members	MCGSC Director & Lead Parent Liaison	Quarterly October 2022- June 2023	Staff, Funds & Supplies	Parents, providers, and community members who represent the diversity of the area and programs and services are represented with equal representation and engagement  Number of resource/referral connections for GSRP
Review Great Start Readiness Program data and make recommendations as outlined in Section 32d	MCGSC Director & Lead Parent Liaison	Quarterly October 2022- June 2023	Staff, Funds & Supplies	Enhancements are made to GSRP based on input from the committee
Develop a plan to share preschool and school age care options to families as a part of the joint recruitment and enrollment process.	MCGSC Director & Lead Parent Liaison SAC (School Readiness Advisory Council),	Quarterly October 2022- June 2023	Staff, Funds & Supplies	High quality providers are supported in recruitment & enrollment.

	MCGSC Parent Board Members & Parent Coalition			Programs will be secure in enrollment to maintain classroom financial viability.
<b>Strategy 2:</b> The GSC, GSPC and RC will work in collaboration to engage the community to support and align plans to facilitate childcare availability in the wake of the influx of state and federal funds.	<b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b>  Access, Support, & Resources directly connected to:  State, Federal, and local funding sources are not consistently prioritized, and funding is unpredictable.  Families cannot afford to pay for childcare at a rate that results in a living wage for providers.  Many childcare providers lack resources and support to meet the educational needs of preschool and school age children.  Lack of qualified early childhood professionals ready to enter workforce  Childcare desert designation in Montcalm County		<b>Performance Measure(s):</b>  1) Increased spaces and/or organizations that can implement childcare, including school age children  2) Increased family utilization of greatstarttoquality.org to search for childcare and school aged care	
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Talent First Early Childhood participation for advocacy and collaborative partnership building.	MCGSC Director	October 2022 – September 2023	Staff	Increased knowledge & awareness about early childhood initiative development, data & opportunities (West MI).

Inform Montcalm County stakeholders about metrics and performance measures around high-quality childcare opportunities locally.	Western Region Resource Center  MCGSC Board members  MCGSC Director  Parent Liaisons	October 2022 – September 2023	Staff	Increased awareness about the availability and usage of high-quality childcare.  Increased awareness of new funding possibilities for local childcare solutions.
Amplify MCGSC's voice to educate and highlight system level needs affected by the ongoing childcare desert issues within Montcalm County.	Western Region Resource Center  MCGSC Board members  MCGSC Director  Parent Liaisons  Talent First Early Childhood	October 2022 – September 2023	Staff	Increased awareness about the availability and usage of high-quality childcare.
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2018- 4,422				
Goal related to the targeted problem(s): Children prenatal to age five and their families thrive.				
Objective(s) related to the goal: Support Prenatal to third grade high quality opportunities.				
<b>Strategy 1:</b> Continue building new components & partnerships for Montcalm County's Talking is Teaching (TisT) campaign.		<b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b>  Support parent leadership/engagement lack of affordable services, supports, and opportunity for young children.  Address rural isolation barriers for parents being child's first & best teacher		<b>Performance Measure(s):</b> Parents are involved in their child's developmental progress & learning (STP).  As families engage more with the Talking is Teaching campaign there will be: Increased interaction in the Facebook posts (Facebook data) Increase in TisT partnerships & Advisors
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Continue TisT tool creation, implementation & promotion (revamp of Welcome Baby tool)	Parent Liaisons	September 2023	Staff	TisT Organization partnerships established
Continue social media TisT messaging.	Parent Liaisons	September 2023	Staff	Facebook posts data shows parent/community interaction
Continue TisT presentations for new staff as requested by service providers.	Parent Liaisons	September 2023	Staff	Presentation evaluation feedback data /
Build campaign for "Montcalm County TisT" in Montcalm County Business community	MCGSC Director & Parent Liaisons	September 2023	Staff	Business community involvement in TisT campaign
<b>Strategy 2:</b> Promote Dental Health/Dental Home connections for families.		<b>Prioritized root causes related to the objective and addressed by this strategy:</b> Support parent leadership/engagement lack of affordable services, supports, and opportunity for young children.		<b>Performance Measure(s):</b> Families will have increased knowledge of their child's dental health and local dental services available.  Children entering Kindergarten will have an identified Dental home.
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Facilitate 3 Community based promotional activities with parent-to-parent component to promote dental home resources	Wellness Committee	August 1, 2023,	Staff, Funds & Supplies	<b>Number of connections</b> <b>Number of partnerships</b> <b>Number of children with identified dental home by kindergarten</b>
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