



# Great Start Collaborative

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**GSC EXECUTIVE TEAM MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 2019**  
**10:30am-12:00noon**  
**Kalamazoo RESA West Campus**

<p>Our Vision: A Great Start for every child in Kalamazoo County: safe, healthy and successful in school and life.</p>	<p>Our Mission: The purpose of the Great Start Collaborative is to ensure a coordinated system of community resources and family supports in Kalamazoo County.</p>	<p>MDE Office of Great Start Early Childhood Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children born healthy</li> <li>2. Children healthy, thriving, and developmentally on track from birth to third grade</li> <li>3. Children developmentally ready to succeed in school at the time of school entry</li> <li>4. Children prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade</li> </ol>
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All GSC Members agree to the following Meeting Agreements:

- *Be present at the meetings/conversation.*
- *Practice active listening (Step up/step back).*
- *Listen and welcome everyone's opinions (actively seek input from others, especially parents).*
- *Be open to new ideas.*

Agenda Items	Key Points/ What we want to get done	Outcomes/ Actions To Be Taken
Welcoming Activity (10 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Welcome and Housekeeping               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please be sure to sign in!</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Opening Question centered on Protective Factors: What is one family tradition you appreciate from your own upbringing?</li> </ol>	
Michigan's Mixed Delivery Strategic Plan Listening Session (40 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sign-in Sheet</li> <li>b. Questions and Discussion</li> <li>c. Exit Evaluation</li> </ol>	<p><b>Listening Session for MDE Took majority of meeting All agenda items shifted to Nov 2019</b></p>
Quarterly Meeting Feedback and Planning (20 minutes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DECEMBER QUARTERLY MEETING PLANS               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Celebrating Successes</li> <li>b. Updates from Trusted Advisors?(more likely March)</li> <li>c. Updates from GSPC?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. Talking Is Teaching kick-off and mini-training?</li> <li>e. Bronson Community Needs Assessment? (more likely March)</li> <li>f. Break into small groups-- 4 Outcomes?</li> <li>g. WHO WILL YOU INVITE? 2-3 individuals who should be at the table</li> <li>h. Other ideas???</li> </ul>	
GSC Structure (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Plans for March and June QUARTERLY Meetings?</li> </ul>	
FY20 GSC Work Plan Updates (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Review Operating Guidelines for final discussion</li> <li>b. Next steps to implementation</li> </ul>	
FY20 GSC Work Plan Updates (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Update since budget approval</li> <li>b. Work group development</li> </ul>	
Community Announcements/ Dates to Remember (5 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Great Start Parent Coalition Meetings</b>, Marta Lehman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. 12:00-1:30pm and 5:30-7:00pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. <b>GSC Trusted Advisor Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Fatherhood Network</b> Discussions with Dads every Wednesday at 6:00pm at Douglass Community Association</li> <li>b. Community Playgroup for Spanish-speaking families now taking place at Washington Square Library. Thursday at 10am.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. <b>Kalamazoo County Pre-K Recruitment</b>  <a href="http://www.dreambigstartsmall.org">www.dreambigstartsmall.org</a> How can you/your organization help get the word out to families? </li> <li>d. <b>Kalamazoo Public Library</b> Check out <a href="http://www.kpl.gov">www.kpl.gov</a> for events and professional development opportunities. We are especially excited about the 42nd Annual Youth Literature Seminar on Nov. 8th and Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee on Nov. 13th.</li> </ul>	