

## **General Education Update for meeting on 5/24:**

### **GSRP Updates**

- Recruitment efforts for the 2018-2019 school year are in full swing. We've created & distributed fliers to all local districts & preschools, as well as created pull-tab flyers for community and public locations.

### **Hillsdale County Community Baby Shower**

- The Hillsdale County Community Baby Shower was held on April 21st with 53 moms in attendance. These moms were either expectant or had a young child under the age of one. They were able to learn about community resources from 18 different agencies that service young moms and families. In addition, six educational sessions were offered throughout the day and they had the option of participating in 3. Topics included: Baby Signs, Infant Massage, Healthy Pregnancy, What to do when your child gets sick, Smoking Cessation and Safe Sleep. Generous donations provided by the community were used as door prizes at the end of the day. Debriefing was held following the event with planning committee members to identify potential changes for the next Community Baby Shower to be held in Spring 2019.

### **Great Start Collaborative/Great Start Parent Coalition Statewide Evaluation Project**

- As part of a 5 year cycle, Great Start Collaboratives and Parent Coalitions across the state are being evaluated. First a comprehensive survey was conducted over the winter. Most recently, an research evaluator spent the day in Hillsdale County interviewing to learn more about local efforts. Time was scheduled for the evaluator to meet with both the Director and Parent Liaison separately. In addition, she spent time with 3 members of the Parent Coalition, 5 members of the Collaborative and 2 community members not actively involved in the GSC's work conducting group interviews. A full report of both survey content and interview results should be available during the summer.

### **Book Borrowing Bins**

The Literacy subcommittee of the Great Start Collaborative has secured a partnerships and placed borrowing book bins at 9 locations in Hillsdale County. The locations include: Sud-Z-Coin Wash, Community Action Agency, Dr. Nolan's Dental Office, Studio 55, Integro, Hillsdale Craft Supply, Sheer Perfection, Integro, Hillsdale Assembly of God, and Community Choice Credit Union. This initiative provides families with more access to books in Hillsdale county.

### **Literacy Call to Action**

- Literacy Call to Action was held at HCISD on Monday, May 14. 21 participants were in attendance which included at least one representative from each of the 10 LEAs. Intended outcomes included: Gaining a deeper understanding about leadership role in literacy and a commitment from county leadership to support county-wide literacy work.

### **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment**

- HCISD will be hosting 3 KRA training opportunities based on the feedback from our local districts. The first training for local kindergarten teachers and support staff will be held on May 30 and May 31st.

### **Leading and Learning Principal's Network**

- In collaboration with the General Education Director from Jackson County ISD, we have partnered to co-lead and co-facilitate 11 immersive learning experiences for our county principals. Our leaders will have the opportunity to learn and practice specific skills related to the principalship and their personal and professional growth.