



## Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District

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Title: Great Start Family Liaison

Program: Early Childhood Start date: July 1, 2025

Classification/FLSA: Non-Exempt/Non-Administrative

Duration: Full-time year-round position 260 days / 7.5 hours per day

Reports to: Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

Location: Hillcrest, Big Rapids

**Position Summary:** The Family Liaison is a grant-funded position through the Great Start Collaborative. This role aims to enhance parent and family engagement in early childhood planning and decision-making while fostering parent and caregiver involvement and leadership skills. The ultimate goal of this position is to assist parents in their key role in strengthening the early childhood system.

### Professional Requirements / Education and Experience

- Bachelor's degree in early childhood or a related field is preferred. Associate degree with at least 3 years of relevant experience will be considered.
- Prior experience in an early childhood position, coordinating groups of adults and families, and/or community planning efforts preferred.
- Passion for providing mentorship and support to parents and families, growing their involvement and leadership abilities.
- Exceptional ability to create and maintain a positive, collaborative experience, build relationships and foster connections with parents/families, colleagues and community partners.
- Have or be willing to obtain training in the Strengthening Families Program.
- Self-motivated, problem-solver, with excellent organizational and creative thinking skills.
- Demonstrated success as a leader; encouraging, facilitating, and engaging diverse groups to work together toward a shared goal.
- Must maintain a valid driver's license and the willingness/ability to transport self to various work locations throughout Mecosta and Osceola Counties, including in the evenings as necessary.
- Must pass a criminal history background investigation conducted by the Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

#### **Essential Duties**

- Create and enact an annual plan of work that includes the development of shared goals.
- Maintain an awareness of community resources available for families.
- Create and facilitate opportunities for parent/family education and involvement.
- Coordinate the Great Start Family Coalition meetings, including planning and facilitating monthly meetings, maintaining records including agendas, attendance records, and minutes of all coalition meeting and activities.
- Plan, lead, and promote events including Parent Cafe and Mom Power.
- Organize, promote and assist with local family and community events.

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• Develop family play and learn opportunities with local partners, including local districts, libraries, and other community groups.

- Maintain the Group's Facebook Page (Together2THRIVE) with daily postings, inquiry response, sharing local resources, and creative efforts to engage current members and attract new members.
- Partner with the GSC and GSC Subcommittees and report out at GSC Quarterly Meetings.
- Provide support to GSC Coordinator as needed, including attending local community resource group meetings in the absence of the GSC Coordinator
- Increase parent and family involvement and attendance at GSC meetings, subcommittee meetings, and with GSC work.
- Emphasize Talking is Teaching awareness to provide local families with learning opportunities regarding the importance of talking, reading, and singing to children.
- Stay informed of current initiatives and collaborative opportunities statewide; travel to and attend professional meetings and/or conferences as necessary.
- Conduct oneself in a professional manner and maintain a positive image during the workday and at all work-related activities. Contribute positively to the quality and success of the program.
- Assume responsibility to transport self to assigned worksite(s), and maintain regular, reliable and prompt attendance.
- Additional duties as assigned by Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services or designee.

Compensation: \$33,000.00 - \$35,000.00, commensurate with experience and credentials Benefits: Full family health package, district-paid life/add & LTD insurance and employee assistance program; MPSERS retirement; Paid holidays, sick, personal and vacation leave; Opportunities for professional development and organizational advancement with tuition reimbursement available.

Posting date: 05/22/2025

Application deadline: 06/30/2025 or until filled

Please submit a cover letter, resumé with professional references, and applicable transcripts

and/or certifications to: Jessica R. Ross, Human Resources Coordinator

Email: jobs@moisd.org

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