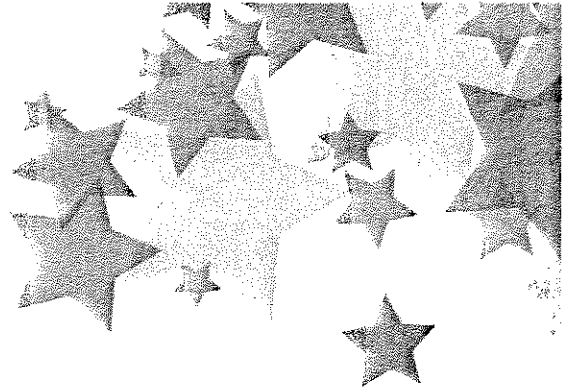




# GREAT START COLLABORATIVE ST. CLAIR COUNTY

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## St. Clair Great Start Parent Coalition Meeting

**St. Clair County Great Start Parent Coalition gives our youngest children a voice**

Are you a parent or caregiver of young children? Are you passionate about children and their needs? The St. Clair County Great Start Parent Coalition is a group of parents and caregivers committed to ensuring the wellbeing of the county's youngest children. The Parent Coalition works to raise awareness of and raise support for early childhood programming in the community.

The Great Start Parent Coalition meets once a month. (Dinner and childcare are provided.) Parents can stay connected in a variety of ways. Parents can receive email updates, attend monthly meetings, or volunteer at local events. Parents can select one form of involvement or choose to be active in all aspects of the Great Start Parent Coalition.

Any parent or caregiver interested in more information about the Great Start Parent Coalition can contact Brigitte Harwood, Parent aison, at (810) 455-4443 or [Harwood.Brigitte@sccresa.org](mailto:Harwood.Brigitte@sccresa.org).

\*\* Drawings for FREE giveaways at meetings

### **2012 GSPC Meeting Dates**

*for childcare purposes RSVP is requested  
810.455.4443 or [harwood.brigitte@sccresa.org](mailto:harwood.brigitte@sccresa.org)*

**January 12** Location: Woodland Developmental Center  
499 Range Rd., Marysville

**Time:** 6:00-7:30

**Topic:** GSPC Vision, Mission & Operating  
Guidelines

**February 9** Location: YMCA of the Blue Water Area  
1525 3rd Street, Port Huron

**\*new location, enter through Main entrance off White St.\***

**Time:** 6:00-7:30

**Guest Speaker:** Shelly Thompson  
YMCA Child Care and Education Director

**Topic:** Tips on Preschool Separation Anxiety

**March 8** Location: YMCA of the Blue Water Area  
1525 3rd Street, Port Huron

**\*new location, enter through Main entrance off White St.\***

**Time:** 6:00-7:30

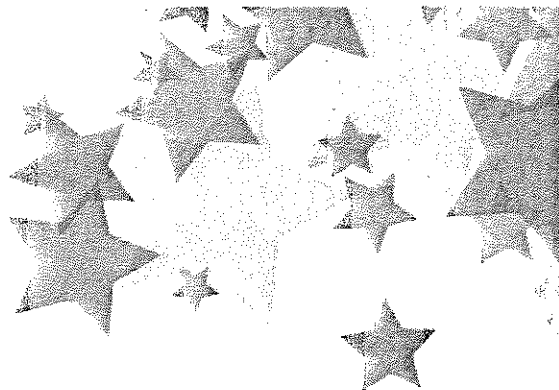
**Guest Speaker:** Pam Sharrow  
GSRP Algonac

**Topic:** The Foudation of Literacy &  
Early Reading Skills



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**April 12**

**Location:** YMCA of the Blue Water Area  
1525 3rd Street, Port Huron  
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**Time:** 6:00-7:30  
**Guest Speaker:** Amy Smith  
LMSW Community Planning Officer  
St. Clair County Community of Mental Health  
**Topic:** Proper Use & Installation of Car Seats

**May 5**

**Location:** YMCA of the Blue Water Area  
**\*new location, enter through Main entrance off White St.\***  
1525 3rd Street, Port Huron  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30  
**Guest Speaker:** Lindsay Chop  
Prevention Educator, St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council  
**Topic:** Child Abuse Prevention

*June*

**June 14**

**Location:** YMCA of the Blue Water Area  
**\*new location, enter through Main entrance off White St.\***  
1525 3rd Street, Port Huron  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30  
**Guest Speaker:** Melissa Solomon  
Great Start Parent Coalition, CORE Member  
**Topic:** Nutrition

**July 12**

**Location:** YMCA of the Blue Water Area  
**\*new location, enter through Main entrance off White St.\***  
1525 3rd Street, Port Huron  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30  
**Guest Speaker:** Andrea Valez  
Community of Mental Health  
**Topic:** Brain Development