

BUILDING  
COMMUNITY  
CONNECTIONS  
— THAT —  
SUPPORT  
FAMILIES  
— OF —  
YOUNG CHILDREN



Livingston County

# Cradle to Kindergarten



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING ➤

PHYSICAL WELL-BEING ➤

EARLY LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT ➤

KINDERGARTEN  
READINESS ★ ★ ★



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# Storywalks and Park Signs



# Why

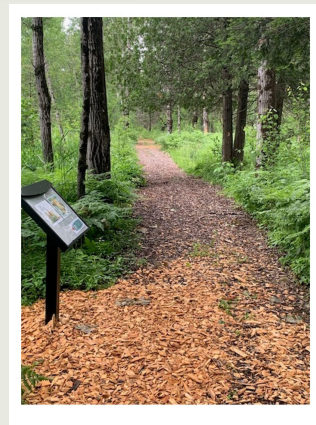


- Opportunity to bring literacy and physical activity to families in Livingston County.
- Received additional funding from State of Michigan to support literacy - expand the access to books and literacy materials for children and families in Livingston County.
- 55.7% of 3rd graders who are proficient in reading in Livingston County.



# Suggestions

- Storywalk
  - Permanent Structure in ground
  - Window displays in downtowns
- Talking is Teaching park signs



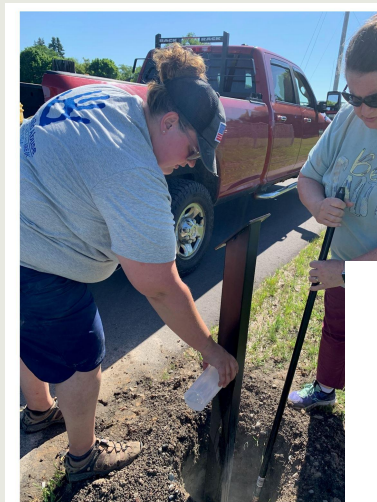
# Process

- Have Funding/Quotes on Materials
- Create Partnerships
- Establish MOUs
- Determine Installation Process
- Determine logos needed and print
- Order Storywalk/Panels
- Determine book(s) & order
  - Book or printed display
- Set Date for Installation, Publicize for Volunteers and Promotion
- Print Flyers and Promote



# Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)

- Who will accept the gift?
- Who will install?
- Who will mow, provide upkeep?
- Who will accept delivery?
  - 500# freight box (Storywalk)
- Who will switch out the books?
- What else?



# Storywalk Supplies/Vendors (Permanent Structure):

## Funding Source Great Start Livingston



Storywalk	<a href="#">Barking Dog Exhibits</a>	~ \$5,000
Storywalk Panels	<a href="#">Curious City</a>	~ \$600
Books (2 - 3 copies)	Amazon	\$5 - \$20 / book
Lamination	LESA	\$0.25/foot ~\$10 / storywalk
Foam core backer for pages	Amazon	~ \$2.50 each
Quikrete	Hardware store (½ bag/post = 8 bags total)	\$5 - \$7 / bag = \$40 - \$56 / storywalk
Book Carrying Case	Amazon	\$13.99 for set of 3



# Installation of Storywalk

- It is recommended frames be about 40 paces apart between pages.
- The trail in its entirety should only be a 1/2 mile or less for little ones.
  - Frames can be straight or at a 45 degree angle. It needs to be eye level for young children.
    - Angled is recommended for switching out books and for adults to help with reading.
  - [Instructions for installing the Barking Dog aluminum posts.](#)



# Storywalk Supplies/Vendors (Window Display):

## Funding Source Great Start Livingston



Storywalk Panels	<a href="#">Curious City</a>	~ \$600
Books (2 - 3 copies)	Amazon	\$5 - \$20 / book
Foam core backer for pages	Amazon	~ \$2.50 each
Lamination	LESA	\$0.25/foot ~\$10 / storywalk
Command Velcro	Amazon	
Book Carrying Case	Amazon	\$13.99 for set of 3



# Park Signs Supplies/Vendors:

## Funding Source Great Start Livingston



Talking is Teaching Panel - <u>Community Campaign:</u> <u>"Talking is Teaching"</u>	<u>Penchura</u> - Brighton, MI <u>Too Small to Fail Panels</u>	~ \$3,600 with freight
Quikrete	Hardware store (½ bag/post = 2 bag total)	\$5 - \$7 / bag = \$10 - \$14 / sign



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# Questions and Feedback

- What else might you need to know?
- What next steps can we take?



**Thank you!**

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