

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County  
Family Support  
December 13th, 2018  
1:00-2:00pm  
Health Department Room 205



Present: Marcia Hills-Hoxie, Alice Walker, Resha Willis, Brittany Wright, Kristy Wood, Kelly Sheppard, Jen Ganzel, Chrissy Blackwell

### **Welcome & Introductions**

- Completed introductions

### **Review November Minutes**

- Group approved November minutes

### **Work on Parent Education Tools: What? /How?**

- Then and Now: What information should we include?
  - We looked at an article: *Kindergarten in the 70's vs Today*. Research differences within the 80's and 90 are as well.
  - Half day vs. full day
  - Keep it general (don't use decades). Simply THEN VS. NOW.
  - Technology
  - Be very specific about play-based (Then) and academic-based (Now).
  - Literacy (Dick and Jane vs chapter books)
  - Math (counting expectations)
  - If you do this...this will happen.
  - Problem-solving
  - Fine/gross motor skills (puzzles, outdoor play vs. technology focus)
  - Technology leads to stunted growth
- How to get information out?
  - Pediatricians/ObGyn's/WIC/Health Department
  - Posters
  - Look into ASQ

- Postcard-sized information cards that can be rotated
- Information can be pulled for billboard advertising
- Magnets
- How do parents want to receive information?
  - Give a point, then a tip.
  - Judgement-free manner.
  - Want concrete ideas for social-emotional
  - Families state they have enough physical milestone information from pediatricians, but lack in social-emotional.

### **Great Start Families Update**

- Little Free Libraries at Family Service and Children's Aid is up and running.
- 85 people rsvp'd for the Community Fair at JDL Carnegie branch. Approximately 40-45 families attended.

### Links to articles:

[Kindergarten: 1970's Vs Today](#)

[5 Big Ways Kindergarten has Changed Since the 1990's](#)

[What is Preschool?](#)

[3 Trends in Early Childhood Education that You Should Know About](#)

[Parenting Knowledge among First-time Parents of Young Children](#)

**Next Meeting: January 10th, 2019 from 1:00-2:00pm at the Jackson County Health Department room in 205.**