

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support
February 14, 2019
1:00-2:00pm
Health Department Room 205



Present: Kathy Hoszkiw, Alice Walker, Marcia Hills-Hoxie, Kristy Wood, Brittany Wright, Kristin Klug, Chrissy Blackwell, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome and Introductions

- Completed welcome and an introduction

Review January Minutes

- Diatomaceous Earth is the bedbug powder that is being used.
- Head Start does offer resources to families in their programs.

Great Start Families

- Baker College Community Fair is March 15th from 3:00-7:00 P.M.
- Will have resources for families about domestic violence, drug addicted babies, and summer programs.

Parent Education Messages

- Chrissy changed months to years, simplified some of the wording, and added Early On's contact information.
- Would like to see a link to complete the ASQ.
- CDC has Milestone tracker and it brings up the ASQ.
- Could include the milestone tracker app information on the website.
- Early Childhood social-emotional guide added to the top.
- Use poster size for printing and ledger size for the electronic version.
- Use food for office staff at the places you want to distribute flyers.
- Change 30 months to 2.5.
- Preschool messages:
 - The outcomes of preschool have changed from years ago. Once focused on the skills built through plays, preschool now focuses academic skills that will prepare children for success in kindergarten.
 - When children attend preschool teachers are able to identify potential development delays, allowing for support services to begin

the earlier services begin in a child who needs then the greater the chance for success in kindergarten.

- Different from when we were children, most preschool now run the full school day four days a week. This change offers children the opportunity to be in a structured setting, learning the share, follow instructions, and take turns...all necessary for success in kindergarten.
- Kindergarten Messages
 - The academic expectations of kindergarten now reflect what 1st grade was years ago.
 - Kindergarten today runs a full school day which reflects the shift to the high academic expectations of kindergarten.
 - Kindergarten focus has changed from social skills such as taking turns, listening, and raising your hand when asking a question. Now children are expected to begin kindergarten already having these skills.
- Suggestion to have professionals making statements.
- Have the kindergarten messages as bullets under the preschool messages.

Member Sharing

- Getting ready to start to recruit for preschool.
- Call 211 to get tax appointments.
- Everyone is having to be referred to DHHS.
- Youthbuild is starting up again for 18-24 year olds.
- Early On is always looking for referrals for children under 3 years old.