



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

Samantha Graham, Kristin Klug, Alice Walker, Brittany Wright, Kristy Wood, Resha Willis, Jodi Lamphere, Chrissy Blackwell, and Kelly Friedland

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Completed an introductions and an inclusion activity.

#### Review May Minutes

- Reviewed May Minutes

#### Childcare Conversation

- Partnered with Edwina Gibson a nontraditional child care provider.
- Had 4 families and 3 families have left.
- Have one family we are currently helping.
- The liability insurance requirement may be a road block for providers because licensing does not require it.
- Suggestion to send an email to second shift child care.
- Child Care Network does offer assistance with back balances.
- Samantha Graham is looking at opening a center.
- There is a possibility the center second and third shift childcare.
- The YMCA is fundraising for a new building, and the director spoke with an investor who is interested in opening nontraditional childcare in the new YMCA.
- Another idea from the Great Start convening was opening a center in a retirement home.
- There is a childcare in a retirement home in Chelsea.

#### Summer Literacy Labs

- Average about 20 families per location.
- Wrote a proposal to Consumers Energy for the summer literacy labs.
- Sites were: Bennett, Townsend Elementary, Francis Street Primary, East Jackson Memorial, and Springport.

- Had a read aloud, STEM activity, each child left with a book, and each family left with the read aloud book.

#### Little Free Libraries

- We were able to purchase Little Free Libraries with Consumers Energy grant.
- Confirmed locations are: Francis Street Primary, DHHS, Health Department, New Leaf Park, Center for Family.
- Reading teepee between Walmart and Applebees. Would like to find out who is maintaining the teepee.

#### Member sharing:

Resha Willis: As of October 1, we are going from 11 to 8 playgroups. We will be ending afternoon playgroups at Baker and Carnegie.

Alice Walker: Trusted Advisor grant is coming to an end. Looking for additional funding to continue the Trusted Advisor work.