



Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support
March 8, 2018
1:00-2:00pm
Health Department Room 205

Present: Alice Walker, Resha Willis, Kristy Wood, Angela Mitchell, Ann Sloan, Kelly Sheppard, Chrissy Blackwell, and Kelly Friedland

Review February Minutes

- Molly Burr needs to be added
- Change linages to linkages

Non-Traditional Child Care Update/Needs

- Last year we started off with two surveys: one for manufactures and one for the community.
- The results of the surveys were that was a need for alternative hours child care.
- TAC, Great Lakes Industries, and Industrial Steel have flyers available for employees and received no feedback from employees.
- Reached out to South Central Michigan Manufactures Association Human Resource group.
- There is more interest about the flyer to be sent out at other organizations.
- The survey that HR provides is in depth.
- If a parent is on site, the center does not have to be licensed. A manufacturer might not have to go through licensing.

Great Start/Trusted Advisor Update

- Alice Walker gave an update that the trusted advisors have been at pantries, shelters, and Energizing Education.
- Have been passing out gloves, mittens, and socks during the winter months.
- Will be having bottled water and hygiene kits in the spring.
- The items are a great way to begin a conversation.
- Been able to direct families to greatstartjackson.org and play groups.
- Have received \$60,000 for round two of Trusted Advisors.
- Jen Ganzel is looking for programs that work with prisoner reentry.

- Trusted Advisors will be trained to assist people with filling out DHHS applications.
- MyBridges when they tested the original forms they gave them to high level DHHS staff and they could not complete the forms.
- The new MyBridges is supposed to launch around the state next month.

Play Groups

- 3 of 5 music play groups have been completed.
- The first one in Parma was not well attended, but Brooklyn was very well attended.
- The library is having Jackson School of the Arts programming for parent and child painting a pallet at Carnegie.
- The Brooklyn librarian received STEAM and STEM for 0-5 and want to attend all the play groups.

Member Sharing:

Alice Walker: Passed out information on grocery store tours at Kroger, community Living room, path classes.