



Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support
November 9, 2017
1:00-2:00pm
Health Department Room 205

Present: Kathy Hoszkiw, Resha Willis, Alice Walker, Jennifer Ganzel, Kelly Friedland, and Chrissy Blackwell

Welcome and Introductions

- Completed introductions and an inclusion activity.

Review October Minutes

- Group reviewed October minutes.

Review Great Start Newsletters

- Imagination Library newsletter is no longer.
- Snack idea was good for families and could go along with the theme for particular book and perhaps add a craft.
- Different books for different age groups with different snacks and different crafts.
- There are more resources for older readers than babies.
- What is going in the community for each age group?
- Suggested using links for longer articles. ABC using Constant Contact with links to their website.

Great Start Breakfast

- Community February 2nd 9:00-10:30 at Cascades Manor House.
- Will be open to the full collaborative

32p Funding Update

- Funded: Jackson School of the Arts: \$2,000
- Jackson Health Department Early On Parents as Teachers: \$18,000
- Harmony Garden Music Therapy: \$5,000
- Child Care Network: \$4,000
- Family Service and Children's Aid: \$14,000

Project Ideas for FY18

- Chrissy sent a letter to go out through JAMA to area manufacturing employers.
- 56% of the parents said they need child care 2nd or third shift.

- Suggested to include the hospital in the conversations, assisted living facilities, Department of Corrections.
- Dr. Andy Hashikawa is on the board Child Care Network in Ann Arbor could be a good resource on how to talk with pediatricians.
- Parents talking to their own pediatricians.

Member Sharing

- Jennifer Ganzel provided flyers for the next Community Fair. 7 community organizations are bringing in crafts, Santa, balloon animals, and a story corner.
- Trusted Advisor: another \$60,000 grant application. Computers have arrived at the ISD and will be working at training the trusted advisors. Computers and printers in a bag and will be brought to places where parents are seeking services.