

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support
April 13, 2017
1:00-2:00pm
Health Department Room 205



Present: Alice Walker, Jennifer Ganzel, Kristin Klug, Resha Willis, Kristy Storm, Brittany Nortley, Chrissy Blackwell, Ann Sloan, Angela Mitchell, Eliya Lamb, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions and shared who they contact in to share good news and difficult situation.

Review March Minutes

- Group reviewed the March minutes.

Trusted Advisor Grant – Discuss use of grant funds

- The grant is to be used to reach out to the hard to reach families.
- Natural connections are what are used in the community.
- Preschool fairs and Great Start Families meetings are well attended, but there is a group of people who are not being reached.
- Grant asked for up to \$60,000 to be spent by the end of December and there is a year two we can ask for another \$60,000.
- Who? Where? What are the natural connections for families in the community?
 - Barber/hair stylists
 - Food pantries
 - 211
 - Church
 - Library
 - Doctor
 - Case workers
 - Wanda Beavers
 - Wendy White

- School
- Other parents
- DHHS, CAA, Salvation Army
- Social Media
- Shelter
- Child care centers
- Maternal Infant Health Program
- What extra supports, training, materials do these people might need?
 - Parent engagement training
 - Bridges out of poverty
 - How to look up the 211 database training
- What needs to families have?
 - Laundry needs
 - Transportation
 - Active materials (bikes, roller skates,)
 - Utility assistance/rent
 - Food
 - Baby items
 - Household items – no can openers

Great Start Families Update

- Group that used to meet monthly is not going to meet quarterly with a more theme oriented community fair feel.
- Jennifer has been working with CAA on combining efforts.
- Jennifer is meeting with Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS), playgroups, and other community groups where parents are already meeting.
- Next meeting in June at CAA will most likely be held on a Friday.

Playgroup Update

- Mind and Movement in Parma today may be the last day at that location.
- Resha has found a new location in Parma, AthleaderFit.

Updates:

Ann Sloan – I Wish video is shown regularly in the high schools. There is not a Youtube version, but it is available for purchase.