



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

Present: Angela Mitchell, Jolene Crawford, Jen Ganzel, Kelly Sheppard, Kelly Friedland, Kristy Storm, and Brittany Nortley

### **Welcome & Introductions**

- Group completed introductions and an inclusion activity.

### **Review April Minutes**

- Group reviewed the April minutes.

### **Trusted Advisor Grant**

- Funds from MDE were extended to Great Start Collaboratives in a range from \$5,000-\$60,000 for a trusted advisors grant.
- Grant funds were to be used to incorporate those whose are already imbedded in our hardest to reach areas.
- Jennifer Ganzel wrote the grant for Jackson requesting portable computers with printers attached to be taken to food banks, community centers, and other places where families are already attending. To help connect people to 211 or other places in hopes the computers find homes in the community.

### **Non-traditional Child Care Grant**

- Reached out to ABC Academy and local businesses to be a part of the conversations.

- Child care needs have come in community surveys have included nontraditional child care needs.
- Great Start Collaborative was awarded \$10,000 grant from United Way.
- Goal is to help at least 10 families with child care.
- Reviewed the first survey that went out through manufacturing employees through several employment agencies.
- Group agreed targeting manufacturing employees would be most feasible.
- Manufacturing space must be available and be able to be license for there is be child care at an employer.
- Will ask Bill Rayl if there other employers who would like to be a part of the conversation. Suggestion included union representative.
- The only care that is available is unlicensed care who have received some training. Child care network would look to contact a licensed provider.
- Salvation Army was interested in eventually doing drop in.
- Kelly would put together a list of people to invite at the next meeting.

#### Playgroup Update

- Recently sent the special education families a survey on the play groups.

#### Member Sharing

Jen Ganzel: Great Start Families held their first community fair and only three families attended.

Angela Mitchell: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Resource Expo Sept 27 6-7:30 at Tarrant.

**Next Meeting: August 10, 2017 from 1:00-2:00pm at the Jackson County Health Department room 205**