

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support
September 12, 2019
1:00-2:00pm
Health Department Room 205



Present: Marcia Hills-Hoxie, Brittany Wright, Resha Willis, Jen Ganzel, Chrissy Blackwell, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome

- Concern about lack of parents in attendance.
- Would like to get involved in the playgroup parents.
- Meijer Branch playgroups are 1st and 3rd Thursday 10:00-11:30 A.M.
- Ask people who stopped coming why they stopped coming.

Review August Minutes

- Group reviewed August minutes.

Parent Education Messages Update

- Only have 11 posters left, and they are with Jackson Health Network.
- The feedback is the posters are too large.
- Health care providers have so many asks to have materials placed in their offices.
- Suggested Fundays Family Fun Center, MOPS, Once Upon a Child, Jackson Pediatric Dentistry, preschool partners, Interfaith Shelter, churches, baby pantry, Birthline, and Center for Women.
- Poster is on our Facebook page.
- Cards and how outcomes of preschool have changed and Kindergarten math changed.
- Everyone loves the developmental wheels
- Bring the cards to the preschool fairs and give some to Head Start.
- Chrissy will look into the possibility of a preschool wheel.
- For the past two years, we have distributed Developing Baby Intelligence in new parent packets.
- This year we ordered a calendar.
- What type of information should we include on the sticker on the calendar?

- Suggestions to add the QR code, write out website, play group info, and link to playgroup Facebook page.

Member Connections

- If you have any connections with anyone who may be interested in our materials, please let Chrissy know.

Literacy Updates and Future Ideas

- Pop up for reading numbers went from 60 last year to 91 families one this year.
- Will write for the Pop Ups and Little Free Libraries in the Consumers Energy Foundation grant.
- Suggestion to add reading tips for parents to the books in the Little Free Libraries.

Trusted Advisors

- Received another \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Education.
- Written for the Collaborative Network grant and the Census grant.

Member Sharing

- Resha: Starts her internship at the Health Department in two weeks.
- Brittany: Kristy is now just Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties. New systems coming and there are some system hiccups. Family Support program is going well and quite a few families are receiving scholarships.