

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County  
Family Support  
October 12th, 2017  
1:00-2:00pm  
Health Department Room 205



Present: Alice Walker, Kathy Hoszkiw, Kristin Klug, Ann Sloan, Travis Barnett, Resha Willis, Brittany Nortley, Elyia Lamb, Kristy Wood, Kelly Sheppard, Chrissy Blackwell

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Completed introductions.

### **2. Review September Minutes**

- Reviewed September minutes.

### **3. Non-Traditional Child Care Grant Work/Discussion**

- United Way awarded the GSC a \$10,000 grant to work on non-traditional child care options. Chrissy provided the first phase of survey work that focuses on parents working in manufacturing. The second phase of surveys is currently underway and focuses on parents working in the service industry (different needs). These results will be presented in the future.
- ABC Academy is involved in the work. Kathy Hoszkiw from ABC Academy provided information on what they would need to provide child care during non-traditional hours, which we can present to manufacturing employers.
  - Great to start with employees in manufacturing because of shift work (stable, set working hours).
  - Would like to have a division of ages (infant/toddler room and preschool/school-aged room).
  - Current thoughts are a 6pm-midnight model, but this may be a struggle with working schedules, so they may look at opening a little earlier.
  - 2 teachers (1 per age level classroom) + 1 site director.
  - Has had three companies inquire about starting child care during non-traditional hours (Dawn Foods, Consumers Energy, Foote Hospital), but nothing happened beyond conversation.

- ABC Lawrence Avenue would be a great location for reaching families in the Jackson area.
- Would need to have 10 spots guaranteed to feel comfortable opening a room.
  - This aligns with the United Way grant conversation that the GSC would like to support at least 10 families.
- Monthly rate for 6 pm – midnight (6 hours) was provided.
- Drop-in care: If an inquiry comes in before 6 pm, schedules can be checked to see if a space will open up. It is rare that it wouldn't happen.
- Child care subsidy is accepted.
  - Once qualified, lasts for one year.
  - Rates of reimbursement are based on star rating (ABC is rated 5).
- Next steps
  - Additional survey work with permanent manufacturing companies.
  - Letter sent to employers to see who else will be involved in this discussion (in addition to Industrial Steel).
  - Find interested families.
    - Of the 82% not receiving CDC (survey data) – have them complete the interest form.
  - Create an ad hoc work group
    - ABC and Child Care Network
    - Employers?

#### **4. Work for Fiscal Year 18**

- Provided the GSC work plan for Fiscal Year 18

#### **5. Updates**

- Playgroups are going strong and are growing. Three new families have joined at Parma. There were 19 kids at Baker College on Friday.
- Ann Sloan is participating in a SIMS Community Linkages pilot program (social determinants of health). Feedback from the Trusted Advisors would be helpful in this work.

- Alice Walker provided the Cooking Matters flyer. Families can come and learn how to save money grocery shopping. Chrissy will share this in the newsletter.
- Child Care Network has partnered with the United Way on the Consumers CARE program (emergency program to pay past due energy bills). This information will be shared.

**Next Meeting: November 9th, 2017 from 1:00-2:00pm at the Jackson County  
Health Department room 205**