

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
March 20th, 2019
2:00-3:00 P.M.
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Corey Duncan, Jackie Barber, John Denney, Stephanie Denney, Meghan Brown, Melissa Bulgrien, Irene LeCrone, Jean Allison, Wendy Bell, Jen Ganzel, Chrissy Blackwell

Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions and inclusion activity

Review February Minutes

- Group reviewed February minutes
 - 4th bullet (*change and to had*)

Great Start Families

- March 15th Great Start Community Fair/GSRP Preschool Fair
 - approximately 60 families attended, turnout wasn't great
 - looking for a different location for the spring
 - had resources (FSCA, CAA, Salvation Army, JDL and others) with information on summer programs
- Little Free Libraries
 - Torrent Center is coming soon if it is not up already.
- Book Drive
 - Drop off at the ISD or call Jen Ganzel and she will pick them up
 - Books can also be dropped off at a Little Free Library.

Early Childhood Update

- MKEO (Michigan Kindergarten Entry Observation) data
 - Phase 1 of implementation, we are in region 9.
 - Every public school district in the county is required to use this assessment. Some private schools are using it as well, but are not required.
 - What is it for? Takes an assessment when a child enters kindergarten. Looks at social /emotional development in addition to physical and educational data.

- From an early childhood perspective, we look at what children are coming in with and what we can do in our preschool rooms to get them more prepared for kindergarten.
- Moving forward, there is work being done on tracking GSRP children.
- The items on the right (Observational Item Success Rates) are only a small portion of what was assessed.
- We don't currently have information for other states, only other counties.

Member Sharing

- Feedback for Great Start Families that the Community Fair was great and well organized. Parents went straight back to find summer programs.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17th from 2:00-3:00 P.M. at Family Service and Children's Aid