

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



Present: Gretchen Dula, Stephanie Denney, Irene LeCrone, Kristen Wimsatt, Melissa Bulgrien, Kristy Wood, Brittany Wright, Megan Brown, Megan Brautigam, Kim Ramey, Corey Duncan, Kim Ramey, Chrissy Blackwell, Jen Ganzel, Cathy Brubaker, Wendy Bell, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

### Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions and an inclusion activity.

### Review January Minutes

- Reviewed January Minutes

### Early Childhood Specialist Update

- In this county there are two child assessments COR and Teaching Strategies Gold.
- Jean Allison provided a one page document to review at the meeting rather than the 17 page full data report.
- Math average scores do not tell the entire story.
- One classroom and 25% of their children below level in quantification, but had an average score of 54.64% below level.
- Quantification is looking at a group of items and knowing the amount.
- Highscope shape scores are comparable to the TS Gold shapes scores.
- The scores shown were from fall, and the February scores are currently being submitted.
- Parents were encouraged to bring their child's report to kindergarten round up to show their child's growth and areas where they need support.

### Great Start Families

- Community Fair March 15 from 3:00-7:00 P.M. at Baker College.
- There will be information on summer programs and parenting resources at the fair.
- Great Start Families is holding a book drive during the month of March.

- Contact Jen Ganzel if you have any books to donate.

#### Preschool Updates

- List of preschool classrooms in the Stars system was provided.
- There is need for an additional classroom in Springport, but there is not a space to open another classroom.
- The Parma Elementary location opened this year.
- Must be 3 star or higher in the Stars system to open a GSRP classroom.
- We will request more slots for Jackson County from the state, but it is unlikely there will be slots available.

#### Member Sharing

- Kim Ramey: Shared youngest daughter loves preschool program. It was not available for her older children.