

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County  
**School Readiness Committee Meeting**  
**November 20, 2019**  
**2:00pm – 3:00pm**  
Family Services & Children's Aid – New Building



Present: Lisa Hunt, Jennifer Ganzel, Stephanie Denney, Corey Duncan, Jackie Barber, Mary Belknap, Bruce McCranie, Nancy Lewis, Mimi, Richard, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Completed introductions and an inclusion activity.

#### Review October Minutes

- Group reviewed the October minutes.

#### GSRP Update/Conversation

- GSRP Openings – Concord, ABC Jackson College, ABC Lansing, ABC Laurence, Early Impressions main site, Michigan Center, Napoleon, Vandercook Lake, and Western.
- Head Start Openings - Torrant, Bennett, St John's, Chalet, and Frost.
- Attendance
  - Working to develop a GSRP attendance policy.
  - Most programs currently have over a 85% attendance rate.
  - We will be looking at GSRP attendance reports this year that are provided to this committee.

#### Kindergarten Transition Work

- Kits are provided at Kindergarten roundup.
- Alphabet chart will be updated to be more bold.
- Worked in groups to provide feedback on the School Readiness kits.
- Suggestions included: reducing the amount of text on the parent instruction sheet, turning it into a trifold, and adding photos of each item next to the description
- Do schools need to still partner with a preschool to model the kits? Sometimes it is staffing issue for that district.

## Great Start Updates

- Literacy Bookmarks
  - Family Support group created a bookmark to go in the Little Free Libraries.
  - Suggestion to have the bookmarks at the library as well.
- Parent Survey
  - Parent survey was provided.

## Great Start Families

- Each Little Free Library monitored by a family.
- Next event Tuesday, 12/10 at Carnegie Library holiday crafts.