

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County  
School Readiness Committee Meeting  
December 18, 2019  
2:00-3:00 P.M.  
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Mary Belknap, Stephanie Denney, Marianne Gladstone, Bruce McCranie, Corey Duncan, Chrissy Blackwell, Jennifer Ganzel, Wendy Bell, Cathy Brubaker, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

### Welcome & Introductions

- Completed introductions.

### Review November Minutes

- Going to encourage elementary schools to invite preschools to their round ups.
- Letting the school district to know what programs are in their districts.

### Kindergarten Transition Work

- The state of Michigan has a birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade grant.
- Jackson provided feedback but did not hold an information sessions.
- Family partnerships, access to quality programs, early childhood workforce development.
- Not consistent program to program.
- Gap in 3 year old programming.
- Provided the Collaborative Community Assessment for the group to review.
- Page 12 the percent of children living in poverty in Jackson County.
- Page 16 transportation.
- Page 27 unprepared for Kindergarten percentage.

### GSRP Update

- Current Openings
  - Concord: 3, ABC Jackson College: 1, Lisa's Imagination Station: 7, Michigan Center:2, Napoleon:2, Phoenix Prospect:3, Vandercook Lake:1
- Early Childhood Conference

- Families and Educators Together: Google Translate App. Families can connect through the language barrier.
- Talking is teaching: A group in Brooklyn went into laundry mats and set up literacy stations.
- Math: incorporating literacy in math.

#### Membership Updates/Questions

- Close to 30 families at the Great Start Families event.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2020 2:00-3:00 P.M. at Family Service and Children's Aid