

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
School Readiness Committee Meeting
April 18, 2017
4:00-5:00pm
Family Service and Children's Aid



Present: Cathy Brubaker, Wendy Bell, Brenda Webster, Jen Ganzel, Jackie Barber, Bob Powell, Kathy Hoszkiw, Kristy Storm, Irene LeCrone, Kelly Sheppard, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome & Introductions

- Completed welcome and shared something we are looking forward to do towards summer.

Review March Minutes

- Group reviewed March minutes.
- 1500 School Readiness kits have been picked up, and all Jackson County elementary schools received kits.
- We did write a grant request for an additional 300 kits.
- We have not heard anything more on if we will be able to serve any over income families in GSRP.
- This year we are working more closely with special education to mainstream more students into GSRP classrooms.
- Imagination Library we did send an email announcement to families that the April books will be the last mailing, and we will send a direct a mailing, and the press release.

Preschool Data

- Cathy Brubaker facilitated the conversation on the preschool data.
- Zero in the Highscope data mean there was not any data.
- Core is based on anecdotal notes and scores it 1-7.
- The data will be collected again in the spring and can be compared.
- 0% means none of the children are scoring at or above.
- Teachers should be using the data to plan activities around the areas, and programs review in staff meetings.
- Early Childhood Specialists look at to plan trainings, and use the data with the staff for professional development training.
- Will include information on what is being assessed with the spring data.

Potential GSRP Partners

- Shared a list of potential GSRP partners we receive from Child Care Network.
- We will reach out to inform these programs about GSRP.
- Programs must be a 3 star or higher to receive a GSRP slots.
- Spring Arbor is the only area that isn't being served with potential partners on the list.
- Jackson County does really well with participation in the Great Start to Quality Rating System with around 40% participation.
- Suggested future meetings at the preschool locations.

Member Sharing

Great Start Families: June 30th at McHugh Center the focus will be family health including information on difficult behaviors. Each guest will spend 5 minutes sharing what they will do and how they can help. Lunch and on site child care.
Playgroups: The Parma location is changing.

Kristy Storm: 53% of the Quality Improvement Grant were funded for this last cycle. There have not been additional funds found for more cycles.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 (school location)