

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County  
Family Support  
January 12, 2017  
1:00-2:00pm  
Health Department Room 205



Present: Jen Ganzel, Resha Willis, Alice Walker, Barb Bowman, Kristin Klug, Angela Mitchell, Amanda Crosby, Donita Bentley, Ann Sloan, Chrissy Blackwell, Kelly Friedland

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Completed introductions and inclusion activity

### **2. Review December Minutes**

- Group reviewed December minutes

### **3. Employer Child Care Survey Results**

- The majority of parents are using family/friends for childcare. Parents responding to employee surveys are mainly working temporary shifts through employment agencies.
- In regards to question #3 - Do you feel childcare options are available during your work schedule? Nearly 30% answered unsure – maybe this can be examined more thoroughly in the future.
- What do you currently pay (amounts varies). Are you satisfied? (Mainly yes). What is most important to you (cost and quality are predominant

answers, but they were given as examples in the survey itself). What is the most you can afford monthly (amount varies).

- Kristen Klug mentioned sending the survey to her home visit families.
- Families going to employment agencies may be the families we are trying to reach (looking for full-time, permanent work).
- Discussed question #13 (Please list add'l comments/concerns): concerns included trustworthiness of caregivers, number of preschools being limited, and availability in rural areas. We may want to go more into depth with this question... do families know how easy it is to access Great Start to Quality to research preschools?
- We provided information to Ann Sloan regarding Great Start to Quality (how to get parents in touch with becoming registered).

#### **4. Child Care Questions for Community Conversation Meetings**

- What is your biggest struggle with childcare (times, location, etc.?)
- What are you looking for in a preschool?
- Do you need additional childcare on top of preschool?
- Should we speak to people individually and record the results that they give or organize a community conversation with a childcare

focus and invite the parents to fill out the survey at the end of the conversation?

- What is our goal for all of these surveys? Give the survey participants an answer.

#### **5. Playgroup Update – Resha**

- East has been switched to 2 Mondays per month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 10am. Parma has been confirmed to run the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10 am, which will begin January 26<sup>th</sup>. Baker College afternoon group switched to 1 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays.
- The first meeting at the new Brooklyn location (Jan’s Dance Connection) was very nice.
- Jamie Merrit from Harmony Garden would like to do more playgroups in February. Resha will send out an RSVP and will post it on Facebook.

#### **6. Great Start Families Update – Jennifer**

- Didn’t have great January attendance, but did have an excellent speaker who spoke about mindfulness.

- Wrapping up the Diaper Drive, but having problems with Walmart.

Once the issues with Walmart are resolved, the Drive will be finished.

Then 211 will be contacted to see the top places to donate diapers to and they will be sent. The goal is 12,000 diapers and we are confident to meet this goal.

- February meeting – Safety (safe sleep, lead issues, car seat safety).

## **7. Member Sharing**

- Kristin Klug – March enrollment is coming up.
- CPCAN – Donita shared the Strong Nurturing Father program flyer, which will begin it's free 8 week program January 12<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment can go up to 12, but 6 dads are needed to start the program.
- Alice Walker shared the Cooking Matters Grocery Store tour flyer. Tours are being held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting: February 9, 2017 from 1:00-2:00pm at the Jackson County Health Department room 205**