

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
January 13, 2022
2:00-3:00 P.M.
Via Zoom



Present: Kristin Klug, Karyn Head, Kelly Sheppard, Bridget Griffith, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome

- Group shared what was the best thing they ate over the holidays.

Review minutes

- Reviewed the minutes from the December meeting.

ASQ poster work

- Poster was created and sent out with the meeting packet that was created from the ASQ social emotional pieces
- Posted around the community: library, playgroup locations, and preschools
- ASQ-3 portion for pieces of child development
- Suggested making the background of the new poster a different color so it is clear they are different posters.
- Send any for the new development poster suggestions to Bridget

Parent Information Cards Playgroup

- Committee put a lot of work into education on parents on the need for preschool due to the higher standards on kindergarten now.
- Suggestions to send out the materials to parents via: SeeSaw, Bright by Text, robo call system, and Great Start newsletter
- Would like to see additional information on screen time use in children.
- Kelly Sheppard will do some reach outs to past members to build up the group for that work

Playgroups

- Resha Willis tried to be as inventive as possible with playgroups during the pandemic.
- Had craft videos and kits, and Zoom visits, and in person playgroups outside.
- Struggling with locations that will allow us storage space for playgroups.

- Bob Powell offered his foster care visitation room at Family Service and Children's Aid for playgroups, and it is already filled with toys.

Bright by Text data

- Have sent out a few local events: including Head Start and Early Head Start applications.
- Winter Book Blast first 400 children receive a free bag of books infant-3rd grade
- 133 sign ups, 195 children and working to build the enrollment
- Have lots of postcards, book markers, and posters

Member sharing

- The Office of Head Start is enforcing a vaccine mandate. Salvation Army classroom will be closing and 2 classrooms in Hillsdale.
- Did lose some transportation services in Hillsdale, but Jackson Public Schools did guarantee their drivers will be vaccinated.
- Head Start is having a federal desk review.
- Family Focus is still virtual.
- Early Head Start socializations have returned to virtual.
- CAA has many services including: Homebuyer and VITA tax program