

TO REGISTER for event and for childcare please complete this form and submit in person or by mail Jackson YMCA
 127 Wesley St.
 Jackson MI 49201

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: APRIL 26 All children attending must be pre-registered

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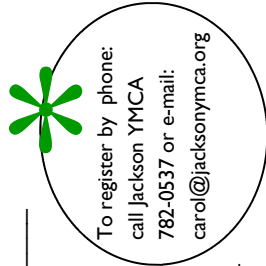
Phone Number _____ Date of birth _____ e-mail _____

Breakout Sessions: Choice #1 _____ Choice #2 _____

Names and ages for children registering for the event:

Name _____ age /date of birth _____ Name _____ age/date of birth _____

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Vision: Jackson County parents will stand as leaders and, together, advocate for early childhood so all children receive what they need to become world-class contributing members of our community.

Mission: The Great Start Parent Coalition of Jackson County will use support services, education, and a strong parent-to-parent network to transform early childhood issues into a community priority; stand beside parents as they navigate personal early childhood struggles; and grow parents into well-informed early childhood advocates.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following individuals and organizations for helping us make this event possible:

- ABC Academy
- Allegiance Health
- American 1 Federal Credit Union
- Community Action Agency
- Early Childhood Investment Corporation
- Family Services & Children's Aid
- Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
- Great Start Parent Coalition of Jackson County
- Hillsdale County Great Start and ISD
- House to House
- Jackson County ISD
- Jackson County Prenatal Task Force
- Jackson District Library
- Jackson Public Schools
- Jackson YMCA
- Jean Doss
- Family Service and Children's Aid, Kinship Care
- MiAEYC
- Marriage Matters Jackson
- Michigan Alliance for Families
- Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education
- Michigan Association of United Ways
- Paragon Charter Academy
- Solutions 2 Wellbeing
- Vandercook Public Schools



To learn more about Great Start visit our website at www.greatstartjackson.org

COME TO THE TABLE

A Community Celebration of Parenting



There's a seat for you...

Jackson YMCA
 Sunday, May 2, 2010
 2:00 PM — 5:30 PM

Parents of young children are invited to join Great Start for a celebration of parenting like no other!

GREAT START PARENT COALITION

Speaking out for young children with one voice while reaching out with many hands





Key Note Speaker **Jean Doss**

Early Childhood Consultant & Owner, J. Doss Consulting

Join our guest, Ms. Jean Doss, as she helps us discover the powerful influence we as parents have in the life of our children and our surroundings. Enjoy stories of how parents from this county and beyond used their voices to shape the direction of their community. Learn about what motivates parents to stay involved, speaking out for children on local, state, and national levels.

EXPLORE:

Moving Beyond Timeout - Ginelle Skinner - Hillsdale County Great Start Coordinator

Come and learn how to teach children to problem solve. You will begin to use timeout less and problem solving more with your children after attending this session.

Clever Child? What To Do Regardless! - Marie Brucker - Consultant, Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education

Does your child use bigger words or think deeper thoughts than other children around him? Does she take things apart? Is he/she also very sensitive? Learn more about these clever kids and ways to enrich their lives.

Doing the Speed Limit... - Amy E. Rogers - Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Jackson County Intermediate School District

Discover how to get your child's engine to run "just right." Our body can be compared to a car's engine. It can run too fast, run too slow, or run "just right". If your child's engine is running "too fast" or "too slow" they may experience a difficult time participating in day to day activities. In this interactive session, you will learn how to help your child's engine run at the right speed.

Best Steps for Your Step Family - Shelby Raines - Coordinator, Marriage Matters Jackson

In this session, tips will be shared on how to navigate the tricky waters of a blended family. As a child who felt the pain of divorce and the confusion of a step family, she shares what good parenting choices her parents made to help her take steps toward being able to make good relationship choices for her future. Your family can have a treasured legacy despite the hardships that divorce brings.

Speaking Up for My Child and Speaking Out for All Children - Holly Wingard, Technical Assistance Consultant, Early Childhood Investment Corporation and Matt Gillard - Advocacy Specialist, Michigan Assoc. of United Ways

Have you ever wished you felt more confident talking with doctors, teachers, coaches, etc. regarding your child's needs? Learn how parents just like you grew in their abilities to represent not only the needs of their children but made a difference for all children.

Discipline and Teamwork - Misti Warner - Program Manager, Community Action Agency.

In this session we will define the elements of successful teamwork and apply them to marriage and parenting. We will also talk about the key techniques for nurturing discipline and behavior management through the understanding of team sports

My Child & ADHD and the Nurtured Heart Parenting Approach - Greg Gallagher, Psychologist & CEO, Solutions 2 Wellbeing and Debra Kruse, Advanced Trainer of Nurtured Heart Approach, Solutions 2 Wellbeing

Discover how ADHD children navigate the world, while gaining knowledge of how to better understand and promote their strengths. The Nurtured Heart Approach puts a refreshing spin on parenting revealing new techniques and strategies that create thoroughly positive behaviors. The approach brings to life a new way of shifting intense children to a solid life of success.

Becoming a Leader Your Family and Community Needs - Holly Wingard, Technical Assistance Consultant, Early Childhood Investment Corporation and Matt Gillard - Advocacy Specialist, Michigan Assoc. of United Ways

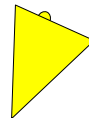
Learn what parents just like you in this community are doing to improve their leadership skills and how they are uniting with local officials to breath life into Jackson's future.

Grandparents and Others As Parents - Melissa Davis - Kinship Care Program Coord. & Parent Educator, Family Services & Children's Aid

If you are in a position of parenting a child that is not your own, this is the session for you. Connect with others who are walking the same path and learn about what is available to assist you in your unique role.

Young Mothers - Alice Walker, House to House Program Rep., GSPC/GSC Parent Rep. and Kara Beers, Jackson County Prenatal Task Force, Allegiance Health Prevention and Community Health

This session is designed especially for mothers in their teens and early twenties. Connect with others who are on a similar journey and learn about what is available to support success for you and your child.



REGISTER NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!

Free Great Start Tote Bag for



all Families!!

EVENT SCHEDULE:

1:45 Welcome & Registration Center Opens

2:00 Family Fun Zone Opens

A carnival-type atmosphere. A time for parents and children to enjoy snacks, visit with local parenting groups and services & engage in crafts and activities. Fun for the entire family.

2:50 Children's Zone Opens

A time for parents to check children in for fun & games with Y staff. Supervision provided for children ages 2 and older in the Y's children's play area. Children 5+ can choose to enjoy several of the following activities: swimming, rock-wall climbing, gym games, crafts, gymnastics, volleyball, and much more!

3:10 Family Fun Zone Closes & Parent Learning Zone Opens

3:20 - 4:00 Keynote Address - Jean Doss

4:15 - 4:45 Break-out Session I - Choose one of five

Moving Beyond Timeout - Ginelle Skinner

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5:00 - 5:30 Break-out Session II - Choose one of five

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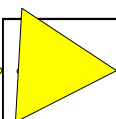
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5:40 Drawings and Door Prizes You must be present to win. Local organizations will give prizes and drawings for submitted evaluations and food drive drawing will take place.



Bring one canned or boxed food item...



To enter a drawing for



a Meijer gift card !!!