

**Great Start Collaborative
Parent Survey Results
2007**

Total surveys collected: 229

Parents of Children ages 0-5

**Zip Codes: 49201, 49202, 49203, 49204, 49230, 49234, 49237, 49240, 49246, 49254,
49269, 49272, 49277, 49283, 49284**

- **42% of respondents use child care of some kind**

Top Three:

- 44% -use a family member or friend/neighbor
- 31% -use a child care center
- 23% -use a licensed family child care home
- 2% -other

- **Child Care**

- 36% spend 0-\$200 a month
- 30% spend \$201-\$400
- 22% spend \$401-\$600
- 12% spend \$601+
 - Of those surveyed, 18% receive a child care subsidy

- **Communication**

- 54% of parents said they get information from the internet about their families needs
- Parents indicated that the best ways to let them know about community events and activities are newspapers, radio and fliers

- **Parent Education and Support**

- Almost 50% of parents surveyed would like to learn positive parenting skills (information on child development and health/safety issues were next)
- If available, parents would use support groups/meetings (52%)
- 38% of parents want access to respite care (a break from parenting)

- **Healthcare**

- 94% children are covered by some type of insurance
- 73% of adults surveyed are covered by insurance
 - 63% of respondents are covered by an employers plan
 - 36% are covered by Medicaid

➤ 98% of those surveyed have a medical home for their children

- **Employment**

- 53% of respondents reported that they are employed
- When asked what barriers parents encounter finding employment some responses included (ranked high to low response): Low pay, need child care, few jobs in chosen profession/trade, not enough education, have a disability, not enough job experience, need transportation

- **Demographics**

- 70% of respondents are married/two parent household, 21% are single parents (female), 5% are grandparents raising their grandchildren, 2% are foster parents, 2% other
- 4% of households surveyed speak a second language at home
- 79% of respondents have lived in Jackson over 6 years
- Ethnicity: 79% White, 13% 2 or more ethnicities, 6% Black, 1% Asian, 1% Hispanic
- Education: 13% of respondents did not finish high school, 33% have their High School Diploma, the remaining 46% have higher education of some kind