



Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support
November 8, 2018
1:00-2:00pm
Health Department Room 205

Present: Kristy Wood, Brittany Wright, Kristin Klug, Kathy Hoszkiw, Marcia Hills-Hoxie, Jen Ganzel, Chrissy Blackwell, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome and Introductions

- Completed introductions

Review October Minutes

- Group reviewed the October minutes
- Change Kristy's last name to Wood

Brainstorming Preschool and Kindergarten

- Then Preschool: play, friends, sharing, dittos, snack time, parents accepted play as learning
- Now Preschool: Education levels of teachers, outcomes, ABC, 123, Upper case/lower, writing name, fine motor skills, technology, trauma informed
- Then Kindergarten: ½ day, naptime, more self-help and intro to socialization
- Now Kindergarten: Full day, more academic, closer to 1st grade expectations, increased technology

Brainstorming Why is Preschool Important

- Outcomes
- Early Expectations (K-12)
- Social Emotional
- Rules/Boundaries
- Diversity – Exposure to others
- Identify early intervention needs
- Could potentially be their only opportunity for a positive, nurturing environment, nutritious meals

Brainstorming Why Kindergarten is Important?

- Foundation of education
- Not all children have opportunities for preschool so kindergarten is their intro into structure/routine.
- Identify risk factors or developmental delays to receive early intervention services
- Socialization opportunity to increase social emotional health.

Booklet Activity

- Would like to put together a booklet for parents
- Booklets are expensive
- Less words and have referrals to websites
- Cheat an info graphic instead of a booklet
- App was suggested, and Kathy mentioned fiverr.com where professionals can bid on jobs.
- ABC Academy uses post card mailings, and post card size information could be distributed.
- Bring ideas to the next meeting on what should be on each page

Great Start Families

- November 30th will be the next Community Fair. Topics: predatory lending, board member for parents, and housing. The groups will come and bring a craft.
- Little Free Libraries: 4 of the 9 are up and operational.