

Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County
Family Support Committee Meeting
December 9, 2021
Zoom Meeting
2:00 – 3:00 P.M.



Present: Kristin Klug, Resha Willis, Becca Hurst, Kelly Sheppard, Karyn Head, Bridget Griffith, and Kelly Friedland

Welcome

- Group complete introduction and shared where they would go for the holidays

History of This Group

- Focused on listening to family needs and removing barriers to communities.
- Social emotional development and knowing what that means.
- This group worked at parent friendly resources that were written in parent friendly language.
- Parent education “don’t tell me what I should but tell me why I should be doing it.”
- Trying to help families understand why preschool is important.
- Foundational conversations for our playgroups.

Future Work

- Create a poster for the regular Ages and Stages developmental office in addition to the social emotional posters.
- Have information for special education referrals.
- 75% of parents were open to someone to talk to and feel like they are being screened out if they aren’t going to hurt themselves.
- Playgroup is a good place for parents to meet other parents and form relationships.
- Question on cards on difference between preschool and kindergarten.

Playgroups

- Held many Zoom playgroups with toddlers and babies and provided some craft kits for families.

- Families enjoyed the craft kits but there was not a lot of interaction with it.
- Resha would like to move playgroups back to in person.
- Challenge is finding a space where supplies can be left.
- Resha talked to the Department on Aging on intergenerational playgroups at a stand still until March.
- Talking with Harmony Gardens on possibly using their space.
- Suggestions to contact the Y and few churches.

Bright by Text

- Free text messaging service for parents.
- Each week they receive 2-4 free text messages.
- We can link local resources or events happening.
- Have some marketing materials if anyone is interested.
- We can promote recruitment through Bright by Text.
- Bridget is working on getting data and reports out for next month.

Member Sharing:

- Head Start and Early Head Start are recruiting.