

Lenawee Great Start
Early Care Work Group

November 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jane Spence, Stasha Arreguin, Brooke Rains, Megan Karpinski, Margaret Gross, Pam Smith

Early Care Work Group Overview

Margaret explained how work groups are set up to operate with use of the green notebook, materials and goals of the Early Care Work Group.

Great Start Child Care and Early Learning Regional Resource Center

The work group reviewed the Regional Resource Center (RCC) work plan which focuses a great deal of attention on relative/aide providers who are paid by the State of Michigan to provide care to children. The work plan concentrates on (1) professional development for licensed and registered child care providers, (2) professional development for relative/aide providers, (3) resources for child care providers, and (4) resources for families.

Brooke Rains will continue to work out of the MSUE office in Adrian focusing on professional development for registered and licensed providers, relative/aide providers and provide resources to child care providers.

All child care referrals will be made online at www.greatstartforkids.org.

Pam Smith went into detail about Child Care Networks 31 year non-profit history, the 17 funding streams that have supported their efforts (mainly Department of Human Service funds) and the family support which helps provide scholarships to families. She also reviewed the RRC work plan.

Additional Notes

If you can think of anyone else to include in the work group, please notify Margaret.

If you know of any groups to connect with relative/aide providers in Lenawee County, please let Brooke Rains know.