



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 12 Family Council Meeting

**Date & Time: Monday, October 24, 2022, 4:30pm-5:30pm**

Staff present: Donna Rardin, Ann Oswalt

Council Members present: Mindy Evans, Emily Gullett, April Walls

Council Members absent: Cassi Fiscus, Sandra Hyde, Whitney McCullough, Whisper Shick

#### **4:30 Welcome and Introductions (13 minutes)**

Notes:

- Donna provided a brief overview of Birth to Five Illinois.
- All participants provided introductions: name, family/job and favorite family activities.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **4:43 Establish Community Agreement (3 minutes)**

Notes:

- Donna discussed the need for a Community Agreement and provided examples, including being respectful, value our differences, celebrate our uniqueness, not being judgmental. Ann also shared examples from the Action Council, including ongoing engagement.
- Donna mentioned that Council membership recruiting is ongoing, and representation from Clay, Jasper, and Richland Counties is a priority.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Continue thinking about what should be included in the Community Agreement, and share contact information for any individuals who may be interested in joining the Region 12 Family Council.

#### **4:46 Discuss Meeting Schedule, Location, and Accommodations (3 minutes)**

Notes:

- Donna requested feedback regarding the meeting schedule and whether to meet virtually or hybrid.

Decisions Made: Meetings will remain virtual on Monday at 4:30pm.



Next Steps: Meetings will be held once per month, but a second monthly meeting may be added in the New Year.

#### **4:49 Discuss Roles and Responsibilities of the Family Council (20 minutes)**

Notes:

- Donna provided a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the Family Council and its members.
- Council members provided feedback about the struggles they have faced in their households and needs they have identified in their communities.
  - Communication of services available
  - Mental health care
  - Special education and services
  - Lack of medical care (or local/regional insurance coverage)
  - Child care availability (including hours outside of the typical 8-5 schedule)

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: Family voice is the backbone of the Family Council, so Council members are asked to think about their own stories and their Early Childhood Education and Care needs.

#### **5:19 Wrap-up (6 minutes)**

Notes:

- Donna mentioned that the Family Council notes will be shared with the Action Council to impact the ongoing Regional Scan.
- Ann provided an overview of the Regional Scan and the Family Council's role in completing the report.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Ann shared the link to complete the photo release form, a link to sign up for the Region 12 Newsletter, and a link to the Region 12 Facebook group.
- Sophie will provide the above links, meeting notes, and Zoom meeting links in an email.

Next Meeting: November 21, 2022

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Virtual