



Transportation Workgroup Meeting

Date: October 3, 2023

Attendees

Council members present: Cecelia Hernandez, Peter Kang, Meagan Kerr, Starkesha Rogers, Megan Schulz, Jennifer Simms

Council members absent: Becky Durrick, Viktoria Martinez, Amber Merrimon, Catherine Richards, Farrah Tyus

Agenda

1. Review Group agreements
2. Review of SMART goals
 - a. [Short video on SMART goals](#)
 - b. SMART goals handout example presented, and ideas discussed.
3. Recommendations
 - a. **Workgroup 1 Recommendation: Inform families of available transportation options**

Recommendation was made based on feedback from families and providers during the Regional Needs Assessment process. One school district in the region will not provide busing if the child lives less than 1.5 miles from the school the child attends. Parents have expressed that this is a barrier, due to the inclement weather during the winter months. Many parents expressed that they would keep the child at home if they could not find another option.
4. What are the SMART goals that must be achieved to implement the recommendation?

The workgroups met to discuss this question and fill out the SMART goals, a list of steps needed to achieve each goal, and a timeline for accomplishing the goals.

 - a. **Workgroup 1 Recommendation: Inform families of available transportation options**

Putting forth a collaborative group to have a panel discussion was one idea. Others included: doing research into available transportation options, contacting transportation department Directors, constructing a flyer or handout, etc. Something specific and tangible to inform parents of alternative transportation in the area.
5. What are the risks/barriers to be considered when offering resources?

The group discussed several risks/barriers to be considered when offering resources. Some of them include: outdated information, not enough resources to meet everyone's needs, and transportation may also be about getting families to doctor appts, basic needs of food, etc.



Before next workgroup...

- Review SMART goals handout and begin filling out anything you think should be included and be prepared to share your ideas from question 6.
- Be on the lookout for the combined council invite.
- [ILAFC Maps](#)