



MEETING NOTES

Region 11 Family Council Meeting

Location: Virtual

Date & Time: 3/21/23 6-8 pm

Council Members present: Holly Houser, Samantha Bush, Morgan Waller, Nicole Theil, Tammy Helm, Kayli Bontrager

Council Members absent: Elizabeth Houser

6:00 Welcome and Icebreaker (12 min)

Notes:

- Kayli welcomed everyone and explained they would be doing a Superhero icebreaker.
- Kayli reviewed the minutes from the last meeting and community agreements.
- An Action Council and Regional Scan update was provided.
 - Tammy gave an overview of what the Action Council has been doing including what Priority Population includes.
- Kayli discussed when the Family Council might be reviewing the scan and when the last meeting will be.

6:12 Demographic Answers (5 min)

Notes:

- Kayli reviewed the answers she received from the Demographic questions she sent out to the Family Council members earlier this month. Answers included the different businesses that are in our region, what kinds of schools we have, other communities such as Amish, and what types of families our region is made up of.

6:17 ECEC Program Overview (10 min)

Notes:

- Kayli explained that she was informed by the state team that our meetings had to have more than questions and answers.
- Kayli and Tammy gave an overview of the definitions of the following parts of the ECEC program.
 - Licensed/Licensed Exempt Child Care Centers



- Family Child Care/Family Care
- Early Head Start/Head Start
- Preschool for All
- Early Intervention
- Home Visiting
- Also, the average cost of weekly, full-time median price Center Based Care from the Women's Bureau National Database of Child Care Prices in Region 11

6:27 Illinois Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) (3 min)

Notes:

- Kayli gave an overview of Illinois Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) of explained how it works, what it is based on, and who to contact to go about receiving it.

6:30 ECEC Program Enrollment/Slot Gaps (15 min)

Notes:

- Kayli gave an overview of Slot Gap explaining what data has told us about how many slots for enrollment that we have and how many are being used in each of our counties.
- She also explained how in PFA they keep some slots open for special needs and that all programs are currently at maximum capacity with sometimes long wait lists, which is different than what data has shown.
- Kayli asked if any members had to deal with waitlists and all members spoke as to their encounters with them.

6:45 Break (15 min)

7:00 ECEC Programs Report-Out (32 min)

Notes:

- Kayli explained that the report-out is basically the time to share members thoughts and answers to the questions she asked them to brainstorm on and ask others about. Then possibly some of the quotes made will be taken and put into the regional scan.
 - Transportation is a big issue with hardly any being available in the rural areas for children to get to and from home to the programs.



- Need more outreach/marketing to let parents know what is available for them i.e., if you've moved to the area and don't know anyone to get help/advice from on what types of programs are out there.
- At birthing classes maybe there could be information given to pregnant moms, so they have ideas of where to look for child care/programs when they go back to work or their child is ready for it.

7:32 Parting Questions (6 min)

Notes:

- At the next meeting we will be discussing Early Childhood Education provider and staff in the workforce. Kayli stated that the next meeting will take place on 4/18/23 at 6 pm on Zoom.
- Kayli stated what questions we will be discussing at the next meeting and asked members to talk to family members, friends, children's classmates' parents, and advocate for them on behalf of asking what their story is about these things.
- She will be having a Catch-up meeting 3/27/23 at 6 pm where she will provide a brief overview of tonight's meeting for anyone unable to attend or if you have any questions or more information to provide.
- A meeting evaluation survey will be emailed with notes and parting questions. Please fill out and return.

Follow-up/Next Steps: