



Strengths, Needs, and Recommendations Notes

Region 1 Family Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid- In person and Zoom

Date & Time: May 7, 2023 3:00pm-4:30pm

Council Members Present: Jamie Yording, Jayme Davis, Amber Sichting, Sinah Gosnell, Sara Ogden, and Sandra Bongambo

Council Members Absent: Brittany Klutz, Brittany Berry, Diane Richmond, Zhanela Church and Chandler Keltz

3:00pm: Welcome & Community Agreements (5 minutes)

Notes: Brittany welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting agenda. Community agreements were reviewed as a group.

Decision Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:05pm: Strengths (15 minutes)

Notes: Council members were given the previous strengths identified at an earlier meeting and asked to identify additional strengths in the Region around topics including:

- EC Collaborations
- Workforce
- Parent/Family Engagement

Further discussion expanded into Early Intervention private providers and new advertising of CCAP on the local radio out of Springfield.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:20pm: Needs/Recommendations (15 minutes)

Notes: Council members were given the previous needs/recommendations identified at an earlier meeting and asked to identify additional needs/recommendations in the Region around topics including:

- EC Collaborations
- Workforce
- Parent/Family Engagement



Further discussion expanded into revisiting a previous recommendation for making options available to only pay child care fees for hours you use services. Educators on Family Council had concerns regarding whether or not providers would want to take their children with the reduction in income for breaks and summers off.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:35pm: Review of Dissemination Work (15 minutes)

Notes: Options were given to the Council members of how the work could look as they move forward with us.

- Suggestions of places and people who might need to hear about the work
- Come with us to meetings and events
- Help us craft our talking points
- Tell your stories

The group was asked to brainstorm ideas of who to take the Regional Needs Assessment to and to help identify agencies/organizations that should be on our list. If anyone has contacts within those entities, please share. The group identified:

- City Councils
- Pediatricians
- Health departments
- Chambers of Commerce
- Major employers: Memorial, Westermeyer, JSD #117, Head Start, Illinois Rural, Cass Comm, Illini Hospital, JBS

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:50pm: Survey and Next Meeting (15 minutes)

Notes: Survey was shared with the Council Members in the meeting today. The remaining members will receive it via email following the meeting. We completed a discussion around the end of year celebration. We wanted to be mindful of a centralized location and time/date accommodations for everyone.

- The celebration will be June 12, 2023, at 12:30pm at the Winchester Community Pool for the entire family. Snack shack and admission will be provided by Birth to Five Illinois along with t-shirts and gift bags.

4:05pm: Meeting adjourned