



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 19 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: February 10, 2023, 11:00am to 1:00pm

#### 11:00am: Welcome & Updates (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Valerie welcomed our Action Council Members.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### 11:05am: ECEC Landscape Introduction (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Action Council members watched and reflected on "How Are the Children" video.
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dg\\_tlwkOUww](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dg_tlwkOUww)
- Main goal here is to improve equitable excess for all children, no matter their circumstances.
- Picture and imagine what 2033 will look like. Reimagine the early childhood education and care landscape.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### 11:15am: ECEC Breakout Groups (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Action Council members went into breakout rooms to participate in Jamboard activity.
  - Its 2023, 10 years in the future. What does it look like now?

Decisions made: N/A

Next steps: N/A

#### 11:25 am: ECEC Landscape Discussion (80 minutes)

Notes:



- Conversation regarding what an ECEC classroom would look like in 2023, things that are observed, what children are doing, and how teachers are interacting with the children. Discussion around the big changes that have occurred.
- Discussion around being in the year 2023, as a parent or caregiver you had to secure a new early learning program for your young child. Reasons as to why you choose the one you did, what it offers that you like and need. What do you hope it does to support your young child's growth and development. Ways you hope this program might prepare your child to enter kindergarten with the skills and behaviors to help her succeed.
- Being in the year 2023, as a program, service or agency leader, you have implemented the strategic plan you and your team developed 10 years earlier. Action Council members discussed what the strategic plan can aim to do and what it could accomplish. A conversation took place regarding how well the ECEC system is serving children and families in the year 2023, what programs and services are offered. Finally, in what ways are children and families better off in 2023 because of the work accomplished.
- Conversation regarding in what ways does 2033 look like our current system in 2023.
  - Having parent connectors/navigators.
  - Mental health being talked about in the early childhood system.
  - Communities and collaborations coming together.
- Thoughts around what is currently missing in 2023 that is present in 2033.
  - Affordable Care
  - Adequate Capacity
  - Funding
  - Transportation
  - Supports for families

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **12:45pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)**

Notes:

- We ask Action Council members to start thinking and reflecting about this meeting and the priority population meeting. How can we identify, or look more



closely into the services that are available and families that access them, what barriers do they come across?

- Ex. CCAP families
  - Some providers don't accept these stipends or they are being charged extra fees.
- Jamboards for both meetings will be sent to Action Council members.
- Focus Group update
  - Many online consent forms have been filled out.
  - Region 19 currently has two dates for our Male Focus Group.
  - Thank you to all that have shared the Focus Group information with your connections.
  - We are still looking for family child care providers to share their input and insight.
    - <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/consent>

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- An article will be sent to all Action Council members regarding the cycle of liberations.
  - Can be used as a guide for community collaboration.
- Sections of the Regional scan will be sent to all Action Council members for revision and input.
  - Valerie will be sending them out beginning of March.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Next Meeting: Early Childhood Education and Care Landscape (Part 2) on Wednesday, February 10, 2023 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm
  - Meeting will be Hybrid.
    - 800 Roosevelt Road, Building A, Glen Ellyn/Zoom