



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 19 Action Council Meeting

**Location:** Office/ Zoom

**Date & Time:** May 12, 2023, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Notes:

- Welcome to our Action Council members.
- The goal was to have our Regional Needs Assessment ready by early June, but due to the lengthy editing process the State Team is looking to have it finalized by mid/late June.
- Finalized copy of the Regional Needs Assessment with all 39 Regions will be public on the [Birth to Five Illinois](https://www.birthtofiveil.com) website. Each Region will have it's Regional Needs Assessment public on their individual website.
  - <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region19>
- The overall goal for today's meeting is to receive feedback and assure we have captured the stories and challenges of families in DuPage County.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **11:05am: Overview of Regional Needs Assessment Process (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- All sections of the Regional Needs Assessment have been discussed during our Council meetings.
- Layout and format will be consistent across the state, but the content will vary depending on the Region.
- Our Regional Needs Assessment is reviewed by multiple individuals in the State Team.
  - We have received feedback on some sections but not all yet.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **11:20am: Regional Needs Assessment Review & Discussion (100 minutes)**

Notes:



- Action Council members read the Regional Needs Assessment to provide feedback.
- Conversations around DCFS regulations being a barrier in care with credentials being too specific for employees.
- Discussion around having a balance between positive and negative family experiences.
- Regional Needs Assessment might be too long causing professionals not to read it in its entirety.
- Action Council members would like to see more success stories on the Regional Needs Assessments.
- Conversations around families feeling like their voice is being heard through the Regional Needs Assessment.
- Conversation around family quotes and anecdotes.
- Discussion around the name change of Regional Scan to Regional Needs Assessment.
  - Our goal is to identify families challenges and barriers.
- Discussion around Region 19 infographic
- Conversation around how DuPage County is perceived and seen vs. the reality of the County.
  - Many opportunities make it hard for families and children to succeed due to systemic issues.
- Conversation around recommendations for DuPage County.
- Conversation around children at-risk and meeting their needs.
  - Allowing children to receive services without being on the waitlist
  - More reimbursement for CCAP rates in DuPage County
- Discussion around Wisconsin Early Education shared services network.
  - <https://wisconsinearlychildhood.org/programs/weesn/>

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- The goal when Regional Needs Assessment is complete is to disseminate the information within DuPage County.

### **1:00pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)**

Notes:

- When presenting our Regional Needs Assessment, it will be a collective effort between Region 19 and any Council Members interested.
  - Media training will be available.



- Each Region will also record an overview of their Regional Needs Assessment and it will be posted on each Region's website.
- During the month of June, we will be opening our interest forms for Council Members.
  - Looking for individuals who are and are not necessarily related to the ECEC system.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A