



MEETING NOTES

Region 19 Action Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: May 3, 2023 4:00 to 6:00 pm

4:00pm: Welcome & Updates (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Next meeting will be May 10th, the meeting will be hybrid but we encourage Action Council members to join us in person.
- During the Summer time we will be disseminating the report to families and stakeholders. We will gather input from the community with the opportunity to make addendums.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:05pm: Reflection (6 minutes)

Notes:

- Our Regional Needs Assessment will be in Memorandum of Darby Pool.
- Action Council members and Region 19 team took a moment to honor Darby and reflect on the impact she had on our community and families in DuPage County.
- Our Regional Needs Assessment will be sent to Darby's family.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:11pm: Recommendations (1 hour and 47 minutes)

Notes:

- Action Council members reviewed Regional Strengths and Needs then followed with recommendations for Region 19.
 - A funding allocation that reflects the number of eligible children not just the percentages.
 - A system that will help distinguish the roles of each organization.
 - A sliding fee scale offered to families when applying for services.
 - Taking into account the cost of living depending on where families live.



- A referral system for families that do not qualify for early intervention.
- Consider the needs of the family as a whole, not just the child's needs.
- Consider transportation for all ECEC families.
- Funding additional support to child care providers who serve children with IEP's and/or developmental/physical delays.
- Accommodate hours of centers to be fit for working families.
- Tool kit for blending and braiding federal funds
 - Long-term funding, 5 plus years
- Alignment of staff credentials
- A state portal in various languages where families can find ECEC information.
- Advocacy for full day programing.
- Embedding mental health support within the CCRNR.
- Revamp of Childcare assistance program applications.
- Proper training for front desk personnel to provide resources for families.
 - Improvement on who represents organizations at the door.
- Bridge connections between Pediatricians and ECEC.
 - Expanded and improved relationship
- Consistency around advertising and marketing.
 - Don't change the messaging/ images
- Increasing public funding overall.
- Substitute pool for teachers to be able to do professional development.
- Parent ambassador program/ Parent engagement advocate in every community.
- Walk-in play centers for parents to meet other parents.
 - Hub for information and resources
 - Expo for birth to five services
- Supports set in place for child care providers.
 - A big need for child care providers that care for children with medical complexities.
- Building a system for evening care and weekend care
- Building a bridge with the judicial system and ECEC



- Conversation around the state of Wisconsin workforce benefits, and shared services model.
- Conversation around families declining services due to only being a half day program.
- Discussion around eligibility criteria.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:58pm: Next Steps (3 minutes)

Notes:

- Any additional thoughts or comments regarding recommendations can be sent to Valerie, vvarju@birthtofiveil.com
- During our next meeting we will be reviewing our Regional Needs Assessment.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting: Region 19 Regional Needs Assessment Celebration

Date: Friday, May 12th

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm