



MEETING NOTES

Region 9 Family Council Meeting

Location: 601 E Main St. Suite 211 Mahomet, IL 61853

Date & Time: July 20th, 2023; 1:00pm-3:00pm

Council Members present: Rachel Charters, Kim Ray, Brenda Eastham, Lynn O'dell, and Nichole Kitchens

Council Members absent: Brandi Granse, Jonathan Woods, Kelly Russell, Lily Jimenez, Marguerite Bailey, Tonya Carter

1:00pm: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (5 Minutes)

Notes: None

1:05pm: Meeting Warm-Up (10 Minutes)

Question: What is your favorite summer activity?

Notes: Council members shared their favorite summer activities.

1:15pm: Regional Needs Assessment Review (45 Minutes)

Notes: Council members asked what the general census in the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment on transportation barrier in the counties was. Caitlyn explained to council members that she's been meeting with people that are interested in hearing about the transportation options could be.

2:00pm: Break (5 Minutes)

2:05pm: Year 2 Planning (30 Minutes)

Notes: Caitlyn put the council members in breakout groups to discuss year two planning. They would like to see an increase in accessibility and affordability in mental health. Council members suggested supporting mental health in early childhood. Council members want parents to know what resources are out there and talk about them normally. Council members discussed pay increases for workers in early childhood education. Members said there should be consistent assessment of what is and is not working in early childhood education. Members also mentioned training for these roles should be more extensive.



2:35pm: Open Discussion/ Q&A (15 Minutes)

Notes: A Council member shared the state income guidelines went up for childcare assistance. Light house Autism Center in champaign is offering free autism evaluations. For learners ages 2-6. Members suggested they share it with some local news stations. Prevention Initiative home visiting program will be offering Doula services.

2:50pm: Family Council Update (5 Minutes)

Notes: Caitlyn told the council members that Region 9 interest forms are live and spread the word. The council is looking for dads, teen moms, Spanish speaking mothers, unhoused families etc. to join our council.