



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 33 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 1/13/23- 1:00pm

Council Members present:

Kara Bigger, John Mabon, Erin Brown-Powell, Malia Owens, Scott Rasso, Gorette Kupa, John Mabon, Lisa Medina-Foshay, Roy Van Meter

Council Members absent:

Tara, Case, Mary Reed, Kim Stickell

#### 1:00pm: Welcome

Notes:

Data available for Review:

*\*List of publicly funded provider name, location, capacity*

*\*Licensed ECEC provider capacity (as data is available)*

*\*Publicly funded programs (Prevention Initiative, IL Department of Health Services Home Visiting Programs Head Start, Early Head Start, Preschool for All, Preschool for All-Expansion)*

*\*Child Care Assistance Program Usage*

*\*Family friend and neighbor care (found in Workforce data from INCCRRA)*

*\*Enrollment by programs in the region (as data is available)*

*\*Number of children served in Early Intervention and Early \*Childhood Special Education (data tentatively coming from NIU)*

*\*Number of children receiving CCAP compared to the number of children eligible (200% FPL)*

*\*School district programs*

*\*Local funders and early childhood care and education programs*

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#### 1:10pm: Questions & Discussion (20 minutes)

Notes:

1) *What insights about the Center-based ECEC Landscape stand out?*

*\*Only 1 site in Henderson County- Oquawka.*

*-Capacity is 20.*



- Has 15 children.
- \*Cardinal's Nest
  - On the County line of Mercer/Warren
  - Is in Region #33.

***2) Are there any local or regional programs or funding sources supporting ECEC services?***

- \*State CCR&R /Federal/Parent Fees mostly
- \*Support campaign funds scholarship
- \*Discovery Depot- but all private pay
- \*Churches- Mt. Calvary/Costa Catholic/Galesburg Christian School/  
Immaculate Conception
  - Title funding (Federal) even to Private Church Schools (PreK-8)

***3) What data is unavailable or would be helpful to have in this discussion?***

- \*More timely (real time) data.
  - Who needs what services?
  - Where are the services needed?
  - Could a structural solution solve any of the difficulties faced by families and providers
- \*Real life up to date information for who has openings, takes certain ages, who accepts certain funding
- \*Data for people wanting to get licensed and how to go about doing it
- \*Family size for sliding fee scale based on income

***4) How can we better capture information about family care and program enrollment numbers?***

- \*Child Family Connections (CFC)
  - from DHS
  - screening report used by Head Start
- \*Data collection is inaccurate, porous, inconsistent, flawed
- \*Collect true/ live data but need to find efficient way for providers to report
- \*Contacts parents to see their needs and where do they feel the need really is
- \*Have a website available to parents and providers to connect with each other
- \*Have Cities Councils and Counties Boards work on promoting daycare needs/  
in home providers



\*Promote Early Childhood Education programs and the NEED in the Region and promote the free trainings available.

*5) Whose voices haven't been heard in the data discussion so far?*

- \*Faith-based Center Providers
- \*Mt. Calvary
- \*Learning Connections
- \*Elizabeth Varner
- \*Young and teenage parents
- \*College parents
- \*Elected officials
- \*Actual Child Care Providers- the ones in the home
  - what is the incentive to open your home to do this?
  - why do you do this?
  - why do you feel others should do this?

*6) What is the region's current home early childhood care and education (ECEC) landscape?*

- \*The needs reflect:
  - The shortage of providers
  - The high costs for families
    - +costs run higher than the family income
    - +The waitlist that families face, even on in home care providers
    - +The hours offered might not meet the family's needs

*7) Are there any local or regional programs or funding sources supporting Home ECEC services?*

- \*Home Funding Network
- \*Grants
  - if people are made aware of them and how to apply
  - Strengthening to go

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

**2:00pm: Guided Tour (20 minutes)**



Guided Tour of Bright Futures by Scott Rasso, Assistant Director and English as a Second language (ESL) Director for Galesburg CUSD #205

**2:20pm: Next Steps (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- Future Meetings will be:
  - \*1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 12:15pm – ONLINE
    - Invitation from Rhonda Hillyer
  - \*3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month @ 4:15pm – Hybrid
    - Monmouth ROE 105 North E St. Monmouth IL 61462
    - Invitation from Roy Van Meter

**2:30pm: Meeting Adjourned**