



AGENDA

Region 21 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 04/04/23, 1:00-3:00pm

Council Members present: Phillip Hosfeldt (Dean of System Programs/Johnson County Early Childhood Coordinator), Patsy Jensen (Shawnee Health Services Executive Director), Lee Eklund (Malone's Early Learning Center Executive Director), and Barbara Timmons (Owner and CEO at Miz BJ's Hair Haven).

Council Members absent: Barbara Green (Family Child Care Owner), Jennifer Parks (Southern Seven Health Department/Head Start Early Childhood Administrator), Candy Lewis (Yellow Brick Road Owner), Jamie Ragan (Local Early Childhood or Education Collaboration Member), Terrance Henry (City of Marion IT Director), Pamela Thrash (Parent Education for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs), Edrica McDowell (Community Services Manager at Centerstone), Johna Schullian (McKinney-Vento Grant Director), Missy Brown (Child Care Resource and Referral Director), and Kathy Keel (Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Coordinator for Williamson County Education Services).

1:00-1:10 Welcome/Icebreaker (10 minutes)

Notes: Famous Sitcom and Movie Set icebreaker

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:10-1:20 Family Council Update (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Family Council update was given on work to date since last meeting.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:20-1:25 Strengths and Needs (5 minutes)

Notes:

- Reviewed Strengths and Need to date.
- Discussion ensued how these Strengths and Needs will tie into our recommendation statements.

Decisions made: N/A



Next Steps: N/A

1:25-2:10 Recommendations (45 minutes)

Notes:

- Reviewed recommendations to date and assessed gaps.
- Prioritized recommendations for the infographic.
- Reviewed infographic and information to be included.

Decisions made:

- On the front of the infographic, use 76% and “Three out of every four children in Region 21 DO NOT have access to Birth to Three programs and/or services.”
- For visual impact add in a graphic with 4 stick figures to show three is red and one in white.
- Use the following needs in the Infographic: 1.) Families need more information about CCAP including family and provider eligibility. 2.) Families need access to more Birth to Three services. 3.) Early Childhood Educators need wages equal to other teaching counterparts along with benefits (health insurance, retirement, etc.)
- Use the following recommendations in the Infographic: 1. Increase utilization of the CCAP by increasing promotion and education for families. 2. Expand Birth to Three services in the entire Region. No county in the Region services more than 28.8% of its children. 3. Share information about the State's current workforce initiatives, educate the public about the need for more teachers and advocate for increased public dollars that support adequate compensation.

Next Steps: The infographic will be finalized based on the input received.

2:10-2:45 Dissemination Plan (35 minutes)

Notes:

- What is the goal of dissemination, both regionally and statewide?
- Discussed the Council composition for FY 24.
- Who needs to know the information?

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: A survey will be coming to Action Council to assess outreach.

2:45-2:55 Regional Needs Assessment Scan Review (10 minutes)

Notes:

- Reviewed ECEC Workforce and Parent Caregiver sections.
- Regional Demographics section has been edited since last review.



Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

2:55-3:00 Next Steps- (5 minutes)

Notes:

- In early June we will plan a get-together to celebrate our work to date.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- The infographic will be finalized based on the input received.
- A survey will be coming to Action Council to assess outreach.

Next Meeting:

Date: May 15, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Location: Virtual

Links to Data Sources:

- I-ecam -[IECAM \(illinois.edu\)](http://IECAM.illinois.edu)
- [Asset Map \(link in Region 21 Google Drive\)](#)
- [Census -U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts: United States](#)
- [Erikson Institute Illinois Risk and Reach Report - Interactive Map](#)
- [PPA_CollaborationDirectory-2022_CS3_Final.pdf \(higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com\)](#)
- [Head Start dashboard](#)
- [Region 21 Data Overview](#)