



MEETING NOTES

Region 3 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 01/17/2023, 1:00pm-2:30pm

Council Members Present: Sadie Ruholl, Kevin Bushur, Megan Harley, Meghan Rewers, Shannon Gelsing, Paula White
Council Members Absent: Jamie Nichols, Brandi Page, Beth Wise, Adrienne Beavor, Natalie Repking, Jessica Green, Carla Holtz

1:00pm: Welcome & Icebreaker

Notes: expressed our appreciation for our current council members

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

1:15pm: Focus Group Information

Notes: Working with Restore Network to get foster parents and grandparent Focus Groups going; discussed with council members possible support group providers to possibly reach out to for more Focus Group participants.

- CARITAS
- Possible Questions
 - Childcare
 - For Foster parents – trying to get care without a lot of notice.
 - Child Mental Health
 - Why do child mental health services stop at 5 years old (in our Region) – not accepting birth-to-five
 - Smaller agencies – billing through the state is cumbersome.
 - Head Start contracts a child mental health professional to assist foster children
 - ROE3 works with a child mental health professional to guide their home visitors in resource connections
 - Homeschool Families as a possible Focus Group
 - Families that could be eligible for child care slots and why they are choosing not to
- Grandparents raising grandchildren
 - Can be tricky due to family dynamics



- Grandparents being able to connect with other grandparents would be helpful to have that added support
- Homelessness Focus Group
 - WIC – possibly reports or asks about homelessness
 - CEFS – Reports to HUD
 - point-in-time count of people that are homeless
 - Count on foot the amount of homeless people in area
 - Count done in January – data put together around March
- Dads
 - Family Life Center in Effingham – Dad Support Groups
 - Possible Dad Event in a few months
- ECEC Focus Group for Workers
 - February 23

Decisions Made: Members will reach out to their community that fits Focus Group criteria to get their thoughts/opinions on needs/questions; share information about ECEC Focus Groups with local centers

Next Steps: Share ECEC Focus Group Flyer with members

2:00pm: Regional Scan Data

Notes: reviewed data going into the Regional Scan

- kids with IEP's – no data covering these kids
 - Transportation
 - No bus drivers
 - Higher attendance correlation when the program provides transportation
 - HeadStart, KRP (Greenville), Vandalia Preschool program, No Head Start in Greenville
 - Specific classes only have transportation (half days)
 - Montgomery County – issue
 - No bus driver
 - Child Care centers are in Vandalia...
 - Families drive from out of town to take kids to daycare
 - But when they get school-aged, they can't get transportation (from school to daycare) because they do not live in same district as child care.
 - Behavior Plans



- Is there a way that the district reports the number of behavior plans (besides CIS or Embrace)?
 - Numbers were not accurate
 - Embrace – track IEP pieces – only Tier 3
 - Here Or There – data tracking system in Gateways of Illinois
 - Not sure how many consultants input data
 - Not a requirement
- Broaden the definition of “behavior plans” – district-specific language
 - Ex. “Give a snapshot of your caseload for the week”
 - Consultant vs. On-Staff mental health coordinator

Decisions Made: get updated data on homelessness (0-5) in Region (Head Start will share numbers mid March), IEPs in Region, Behavior Plans to show need for Mental Health

Next Steps: collect updated data from appropriate council members

2:30pm: Adjourn

Notes: correct spelling error on Info Flyer

Decisions Made: resend Info Flyer to council members to distribute

Next Steps: resend Info Flyer to council members

Next Meeting

Date: February 6, 2023

Time: 1:00-2:30 PM

Location: Zoom