



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 26 Action and Family Council Meet up Parent and Caregiver

**Date & Time: 4/10/2023 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Council Members present: Claire Happle Ashe, Cara Erude, Orinda Gillham, Angela Hale, Michael Inman Paul Larson, Ronecia Misinga, Lacie McGraw, Shannon McKee, Kelly Nelson, Josh Pickle, Alyssa Ray

6:00 PM- Introductions, Ice Breaker  
Facilitators- Paul Larson

6:15: Recap of our work

Notes: Council members were given an overview of the regional scan and an overview of who we have talked to and a summary of what we have heard.

- Council Members stated the following
  - o Options needed for 3rd shift families
  - o Home centers lacked boundaries, regulations
  - o Centers lacked personability
  - o Screenings need to be sooner and possibly offered at all daycares
  - o Two incomes are needed to survive, sometimes three.
- We asked what information would you give someone that just moved here and is expecting?
  - o Council members stated reach out to friends and neighbors for childcare
  - o Call centers and family care homes before moving.
  - o Network and make friends as much as possible, for a backup.
- If you could snap your fingers and change something about our region what would it be?
  - o More Child care options
  - o Child Care that meets special needs
  - o Staff is to be paid adequately for the work that they do.
  - o Speech, OT, and PT are offered in Child Care settings.
  - o Earlier screenings that are mobile and come to centers/homes
  - o More education about development in babies.
  - o Radio spots about child development catch fathers' attention

Decisions made:



Revisions are needed on the Regional scan based on Council members' recommendations.

8:00pm Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Next meetings announced.
  - o April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - o April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - o May 8<sup>th</sup>/ May 10<sup>th</sup>