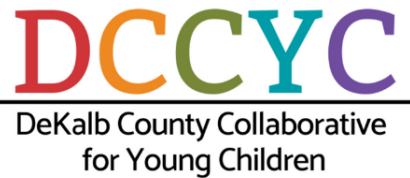




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## MEETING NOTES

### Region 16 Action Council Meeting

**Date & Time: Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

Council Members present: Samantha McDavid, Emily Reilly, Kay Chase, Teri Spartz, Jud Curry, Tiffany Powell, Jennifer Johnson, Jolene, Beth Prestegaard, Audrey Cook, Amanda Christensen, Kiara Jones, Rose Malloy, Gretchen Sprinkle (Region 16 staff), Elena Pizano (Region 16 staff)

**3:00 Introduction, Check-in, and Updates (15)** Members shared their names, positions/roles, organizations, their first jobs, and what they learned from their first job that applies to their role today.

Updates shared:

- Family Council has 8 initial members; still recruiting for members outside DeKalb/Sycamore area
- Parents/caregivers will be paid a stipend quarterly
- Planning grant will be made available from Birth to Five Illinois for groups that want to start a local collaborative or areas without collaborations already
- Illinois Action for Children is providing foundational training about Early Childhood Education and Care for all Birth to Five Illinois including Action Council members
- From Jud - Anyone with work experience in Early Ed but may not have the education, may earn up to 12 college credits through work experience, for educators currently or previously <https://www.ilgateways.com/professional-development/prior-learning-assessment-pilot> and <https://vimeo.com/747424881/9aeaa267a1>

### **3:15 Community Standards Creation (10)**

Region 16 Action Council Community standards:

- Step in or step back, allowing others the opportunity to speak up
- Principle of yes and, everyone has a gift to offer, do not negate the voice of others
- Speak to understand
- listen with curiosity and compassion
- remember impact over intent
- use accessible lingo/explain acronyms
- ask for repetition or clarification if you don't understand
- consider the space you are taking and making

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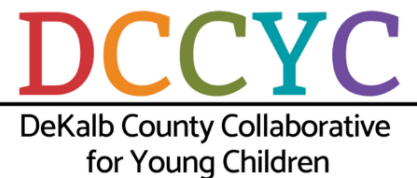
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- take the ideas, leave the names and details
- honor the expertise and experiences each of us brings to the table

### **3:25 Community-Based Planning Overview and Discussion (20)**

- Cross-sector project that prepared communities with significant slot gaps to be ready for funding as it becomes available
- Led by ROE with a core team coordinating the work for the last year
- Planning by many community partners, organizations, families, employers, and more
- The end goal of CBP project is to increase publicly-funded ECCE slots
- Conducted community survey and focus groups with families.
- Families shared difficulty finding affordable care, significant wait lists, transportation barriers, lack of options, difficulty finding care with nontraditional hours, and difficulty finding care for children with disabilities.
- CBP data has been used to prepare for and write for grants
- ALICE (Asset Limited, Income, Constrained, Employed) data will be helpful  
<https://www.unitedwayillinois.org/alice/>

### **3:50 Questions and Stretch Break (10)**

### **3:55 Community-Based Planning and Regional Scan Discussion (20)**

- The Council walked through the Regional Scan Process
- Discussed what similarities and differences there were between Community-Based Planning and how the Action Council can expand on the data from CBP

**4:15 Check Out (10)** Action Council members shared something they are excited about building on as we dive into the regional scan.

**4:25 Adjourn (5)** DCCYC Steering Committee - Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM. Information about upcoming Region 16 Action Council will come through email.

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