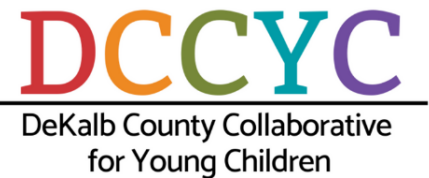




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## MEETING NOTES

### Region 16 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Council Members present:** Samantha McDavid, Elena Pizano, Lindsay Jezek, Jud Curry, Emily Reilly, Teri Spartz, De Austin, Jennifer Johnson, Gretchen Sprinkle, Kay Chase, Tiffany Powell, Rose Malloy, Yanelly Bahena, Amanda Christensen, Larissa Vander Kuur,

**Council Members absent:** Beth Prestegaard, Courtney Hill, Meryl Kleiner, Audrey Cook, Kiara Jones, Andrea Cossey

**10:00 AM Introductions, Check-in, and Updates:** Members shared their names, positions/roles, organizations, their first jobs, and what they learned from their first job that applies to their role today.

#### 10:05 AM Review IAFC Region 16 Asset Map (30)

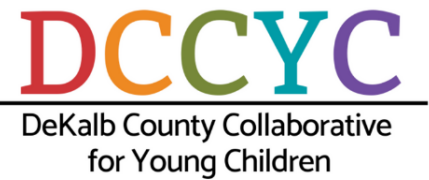
- Observations were made about exploring the IAFC Region 16 Asset Map
- Explained that the Region is made up of the eight school districts served by the Regional Office of Education and includes all children that will eventually attend a DeKalb County school district
- Looked at data based on census tract
- Publicly funded are funded by the State or Federal funds

#### 10:35 AM Virtual Data Walk (50)

- Discussion noted concerns such as lack of service in rural areas
- From an equity lens, the Council discussed barriers facing children in families living at 50%, 100%, and 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPL)
- Observations made regarding programs serving children “at risk” for academic failure (a term used by funders), trying to serve them, may not be able to serve based on capacities
- Increased understanding of where families live and what languages are spoken
- Observed here children and services offered compared to varying income levels
- Suggested we look at children in the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) category: <https://www.unitedforalice.org/local-maps/focus-children>



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- Discussed how data helps us to be intentional about
  - where to prioritize funding and services
  - understanding where we can expand childcare needs
  - addressing where areas of greatest need and systemic inequalities exist
  - understanding the needs of the community
  - making sure we serve the entire community
- Council noted a vicious cycle, those trying to become ECEC workers under extreme stress then try to care for their own family, unable to open the center due to lack of quality/pay
- Comments on options/access as children get older and subsidy differences between age ranges
- Council observed there are no childcare centers south of DeKalb

**11:25 AM Updates and Adjourn (5):** Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM