



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 40 Action Council Meeting

**Location: Virtual and in person**

**Date & Time: 11/8/2022 6:30 pm-8:30 pm**

Council Members present: Amy Hess, Stephanie Emery, Laura Sams, Maria Schulte, Marla Willard, Regina Lindsey

Council Members absent: Sarah Schmidt

#### **6:30 pm: Welcome, Review of Community Agreements (10 Minutes)**

Notes:

- Additional Agreements – None added.

#### **6:40 pm: Photo and Video release (5 minutes)**

Notes:

- Any interested individuals should contact Keppen Clanton via email

#### **6:45 pm: Training Available to council Members (5 minutes)**

Notes: On-Demand Foundational Trainings provided by Illinois Action for Children – Partner Plan Act

- ECEC Overview
- Racial Equity
- Community Systems Development
- Data
- Parent Engagement

#### **6:50 pm: Region 40 Early Childhood Education Data (10 minutes)**

Notes: What do we hope to accomplish?

Objective – Rational Aims: Understand the current Early Childhood Education (ECE) data landscape for Region 40. Experiential Aims: Experience the power shared understanding using data. Gain an appreciation for how data to our family's stories.

#### **7:00 pm: Current Representation, Suggested Representation (5 minutes)**

##### **Interest Forms**

Notes: Review interest forms with Regional Manager – Keppen Clanton



**7:05 pm: Calhoun and Macoupin County Demographic (45 minutes)**

Calhoun County Data Questions.

Notes: Are the early childcare providers near areas of high poverty? Close to transportation? Close to where children live?

Decision Made: Yes, the providers are near the high poverty areas. Unknown transportation we need more information, and more data is needed for this question.

Notes: What do you notice about the location of different racial/ethnic families?

Location of early childhood providers?

Decision Made: In Calhoun County white alone population.

The one licensed childcare center is in the center of the county. There is 1 head start located in the center part of the county.

Macoupin County Data Questions

Notes: Are the early childcare providers near areas of high poverty? Close to transportation? Close to Where children live?

Decision Made: Yes, the providers are spread out through the area. Unknown on transportation we need more information, and more data is need for this question.

Notes: What do you notice about the location of different racial/ethnic families?

Macoupin County has a larger population for their area, and a very small population of Hispanic, most White Alone are. The areas of childcare are at the edge of Macoupin County, center of Macoupin County has all services in middle of County, and a large circle of no service/providers.

**7:50 Data Question – Open Discussion (10 minutes)**

Slot gaps will be reviewed next meeting.

Notes:

- Children services are not being meet.
- Get employees approved for employment faster
- Pay increase for employees
- Teacher and staff retention
- Program Barrier, licensing requirements
- No place to go for childcare without being sent to a private service provider

Next Council Meeting will be 6:30 pm. December 13, 2022. @ 6:30 pm.

