



MEETING NOTES

Region 50 Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 12/13/22, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Council Members present: Kaelin Richardson, Sheri Kraus, Gina Ruther, Shamyra Brown, Jessica Seger, Chinita King, Florence Cheers-Lawrence (alternate for Carolyn Jason)

Council Members absent: Janice Moenster, Mark Eichenlaub, Regina Greer, Brenda Crisp, Jen Knepper, Angela Fraley, LaToya Greenwood, Gina Harding, Kendall Perry

Staff: Stephanie Herling, Shameka Brown, Tabitha Luczak

2:00pm Welcome & Introductions to Collaborations Discussion (15 min)

Notes:

- Introductions were made and announcements were given.

Decisions made: NA

Next Steps:

- A Google Form will be sent out to each Council Member to provide feedback on the programs or services they feel the data and stories show St. Clair County needs more of.

2:15pm Priority Populations, Early Learning Council (30 min)

Notes:

- Shared information from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) data on Homelessness, Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), and Language English Proficiency (LEP) on the number of children in kindergarten that are homeless broken down by race for the 2019-2020 school year, the number of children with IEPs ages 3 to 5, and the number of kindergarteners who were classified as LEP.
 - Brad Harriman, Health Life Safety Coordinator for St. Clair County Regional Office of Education (ROE), is working to compare these numbers to data the ROE has on homelessness.



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- St. Clair County has limited data since there are no shared reporting systems. The required individual reporting systems all vary in data collection and distribution.
 - Children in Prevention Initiative (PI) programs funded by Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and children in Preschool for All/Expansion (PFA/PFAE) are entered into the Student Information System (SIS) with demographics.
 - Children in child care that is not grant-funded many times do not collect any data that is shared with the state.
 - Children who are private pay do not have data entered into any state data collection.
 - Children who are receiving Child Care Assistance Program funding have limited data collected in their program that reports to the Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS) the Department of Human Services (DHS) data collection system.
 - Those who are receiving child care paid for by the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) have no data collected.
 - Early Head Start, Head Start, and Migrant Head Start programs are entering their data in Child Plus.

Decisions made:

Council members will verify the data systems that they report to.

Next Steps:

- Follow up with Family Child Care to see if there is any reporting.
- A Member of the Council will reach out to Coordinated Intake to identify reporting requirements.

2:45pm Small Group Priority Population (45 min)

Notes: Participants were divided into small groups to discuss Priority Populations. Participants were asked to review the definition from the Illinois Early Learning Council and reflect on practices within their agency/school district.

- Various grantees set up a priority population to develop eligibility criteria.
- Populations that were not included/identified in the Illinois Early Learning Council definition: Domestic abuse victims and military. These are sometimes however included in the individualized priority program criteria.
- Boundary and lack of transportation are barriers to some priority populations receiving access to quality care.
- Services are in populated areas creating a barrier for some families to access who live outside of these areas.
- Services may be available but not known about.
 - One central resource for families to access services would be helpful.
- Sometimes collecting data

Decisions made: Council members were going to review procedures within their program around serving priority populations.

Next Steps:

- Continue to think about one system for data collection pros and cons.

3:30pm Report and Questions (30 min)

Notes:

- A draft of the Regional Scan will be shared with the Council in January to review and discuss.

Decisions made: In January we will review priority populations and move into discussions around the workforce.

Next Steps:

- Region 50 staff will draft information we have so far to share out with the Council. The Council will review and share any edits that may be needed when it comes to accuracy in discussions from previous meetings.

Announcements:

- Meet and Greet, December 20, 2022, from 3:00pm-5:00pm at St. Clair Regional Office of Education (ROE) 1000 South Illinois St. Belleville, IL 62220

Next Meeting:

Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Follow-up/Next Steps:

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- Region 50 staff will draft information we have so far to share out with the Council. The Council will review and share any edits that may be needed when it comes to accuracy in discussions from previous meetings.