



Action Council Meeting

Date & Time: 08/01/2023, 12:15pm-1:45pm

Attendees: Stephanie Burkhardt, Tara Case, Amy Fullerton, Amy Gipe, Emily Henry, Rhonda Hillyer, Michael Levis, John Mabon, Malia Owens, Roy Van Meter, Sabrina Wilson

Not in Attendance: Lisa Medina-Foshay, Erin Brown-Powell, Pam Gaither, Josh Gibb, Gorette Kupa, Miranda Gullberg, Anthony Law, Scott Rasso, Mary Reed, Peter Schwartzman, Jodi Scott

Birth to Five Illinois Report/Regional Action Council/Family Council

- Our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment was released on July 31, 2023:https://static1.squarespace.com/static/61ba6b3017614378f01ce468/t/64bac68203a8df70ce90ea15/1689962126682/Region_33_Needs_Assessment.pdf
 - + Please review and give us feedback regarding any questions or concerns you may have with the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment. A survey is below.
 - + Our next step is the Addendum process. We will utilize the feedback we receive from you to help create this. Please review the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment and submit the survey via email by September 1st.
 - + We are looking to feature our early childhood partners at our meetings. Please let us know if you have ECEC centers/providers/locations you would like to recommend we hold our monthly Action Council meetings.

- Family Council Interest forms are due by August 20th.
 - + Please encourage families to fill out an interest form to serve on the Family Council.
 - + Families serving on Family Council will receive a stipend of \$125 quarterly.
 - + Our Family Council currently has representation from Henderson and Knox counties – we would enjoy additional family representation from Mercer and Warren counties.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 5th at 12:15 p.m.



Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Survey

1.Regional Demographics

Please consider the questions below or add your own feedback on this section.

- Are there additional priority population groups in the Region underrepresented or not represented in the report? Where or who would be a resource to gather further information?
- What figures surprised you?
- What figures concern you?

2.ECEC Programs

Please consider the questions below or add your own feedback on this section.

- What programs have worked well for families? What didn't work well?
- Does the data presented in our Regional Needs Assessment match your experience with ECEC programs or services?
- What figures surprised you?
- What figures concern you?

3.ECEC Workforce

Please consider the questions below or add your own feedback on this section.

- Why are teaching staff leaving the field of ECEC in your opinion? What would help retain staff in your opinion?
- How has staff turnover affected your program?
- What would a truly representative ECEC workforce look like here locally?
- What figures surprised you?
- What figures concern you?

4.Strengths/Needs/Recommendations

Please consider the questions below or add your own feedback on this section.

- What do you consider our Region's biggest Strengths in terms of ECEC?
- What do you consider our Region's biggest Needs in terms of ECEC?
- What Recommendations within the report should be prioritized?
- Do you have additional recommendations?