



MEETING NOTES

Region 19 Family Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

6:00pm: Welcome & Review of Family Council Community Agreement (15 minutes)

Notes:

- Review of vision/value word wall, Family Council community agreement, and courageous conversation agreement.
- Ultimate goal of our Family Council meetings is to capture the stories and voices from all of our members. The data and numbers we have are not 100% complete, data is based on what is available. So, it is important for us to share your stories and narrative to explain those numbers.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:15pm: Ice Breaker (33 minutes)

Notes:

- Family Council members and Region 19 team participated in an Ice Breaker.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

6:48pm: DuPage County Priority Populations, Data and Discussion (70 minutes)

Notes:

- Explanation of the criteria used to determine a Priority Population.
 - Five different criteria
- 12 different Priority Populations categories.
- Conversation around what are your personal experiences with Priority Populations.
 - There are additional barriers for families involved with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). They are in need of more resources and processes.



- Conversation around how many children are in DCFS in DuPage County in comparison to the City of Chicago.
 - The number of children in Foster Care in DuPage County is not necessarily reflective of the number of families where a child has been removed. Many children must relocate to other regions for foster care.
- Children in families who face barriers due to immigration status.
 - Many families are scared to look into resources even if the resource is for the child. This is due to the fear of their immigration status being in jeopardy or recorded into the system.
- Language and immigration status are additional barriers families are facing on top of all other barriers.
- The misconception that if you receive aid from the government, you will not be able to become a citizen or receive a green card.
- Many times, pediatricians don't see the developmental delays in children.
 - Family Council member shared an example of a father's concern about his nonverbal 3 year old, but pediatrician dismissed the concern.
- Overview of data maps pertaining to DuPage County.
 - Number of households speaking languages other than English.
 - Locations of different racial/ethnic families in DuPage County
- Conversation around what is noticed about the different locations in racial/ethnic families in DuPage County.
 - The need to adapt to different languages other than English, mostly for those areas that have majority of their population who speak a language other than English.
 - The misconception people have if someone does not speak English then they must be struggling, when that is not always the case.
 - The need to push agencies to have language accommodations.
 - Most common languages other than English in DuPage County are Spanish, Urdu, and Polish.
 - Knowing more than one language is a skill; it's a super power.
 - Dual language programs are now available for students in certain school districts.



- Instruction in both English and Spanish starting in Preschool.
- Overview of federal poverty guidelines maps and data of DuPage County
 - Conversation around what is noticed regarding the locations of Early childcare providers in DuPage County
 - Very few providers in the lower poverty areas
 - More providers should be available.
 - Providers sometimes see children as a number for the business.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

7:58pm: Questions (4 minutes)

Notes:

- No questions from Family Council members.
- Foundational training offered by Partner Plan Act are still available for all Council members and are completely free.
 - <https://www.partnerplanact.org/rcs1/foundational-trainings616>

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm