



## Meeting Notes

### Region 9 Family Council Meeting

Location: Virtual & Rantoul Public Library

Date & Time: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 12:00pm-2:00pm & March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm

#### **12:00pm: Welcome & Review of Community Agreements (10 minutes)**

Council members did not want to add to the community agreements.

#### **12:10pm: Meeting Warm-Up- Share a story about one of your child's ECEC teacher (20 minutes)**

Some council members shared heartwarming stories about their child's ECEC teachers. They spoke about how patient and loving the teachers were.

#### **12:30pm-ECEC Workforce Data (30 minutes)**

Jackie presented data for the ECEC workforce in region 9 which included race/ethnicity of childcare staff, center directors, FCC staff. She also presented information qualifications needed for working in the field.

Some council members were shocked at the lack of diversity that the data showed. They asked why there is a lack of men and people with disabilities not being hired in the ECEC field.

#### **1:00pm- Small Group Discussion (30 minutes)**

Jackie presented the council with some questions about the data they just saw. They were then put into small groups and shared their answers in a Google Jamboard. They expressed that ECE teachers need to be paid more. There was also a discussion about experience vs. education when it comes to hiring quality teachers.

#### **1:30pm-Large Group Share Out (20 minutes)**

Council members shared with the group their answers to the questions. They shared some resources along with their experience working currently in the ECEC field.

#### **1:50pm-Meeting Wrap-Up (10 minutes)**

Caitlyn shared what the Action Council have been discussing in their meeting. Jackie shared about the Focus Groups and Interviews that we have conducted. We also told them that we are still looking to talk to some of our priority populations.