



MEETING NOTES

Region 40 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: January 17, 2023, @ 5:30 pm

Council Members present: Jessica Tupper, Tracy Fox-Clarkson, Abby King, Kaitlin Heinz, Kelly Ballard, Stormy Sanders

Council Members Absent: Jenna Walden, Brittany Peters, Sadie Renken, Ashton Peacock, Kassie McEvers, Kelsey Deaton

5:30 pm: Welcome (15 minutes)

Notes: Facilitator(s): Keppen Clanton (RCM) Lindsey Coultas (FACE Specialist), Lisa Wojcik (Administrative Support)

Decisions made:

Next Steps:

5:45 pm: Ice Breaker/Sharing (15 minutes)

Facilitator: Lindsey Coultas Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes: Tell us something unique about yourself.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Each Family Council member shared something unique about themselves.

6:00 pm: Data Walk (20 minutes)

Facilitator (s): Keppen Clanton, Regional Council-Manager

Notes:

- o Total No. of Children 0-2, Total no. of Children 3-5 and Total No. of Children 0-5, Race/Ethnicity, No of Children 100% FPL by County for Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin

Decisions made:

- o Why do we have such a childcare shortage in our area,
- o A lot of missing information
- o How old is the data?
- o Greene/Calhoun has no diversity.
- o We need it broken down by age

Next Step: After reviewing the data, what are some challenges or barriers you see in our area according to the data?



- We need more education for parents because parents are the number one teacher.
- No support system for families.
- For Families who move into the region during the middle of the school year, there are no open spots for childcare/PreK for all.
- Wait time between appointments for services such as PTO, OT, etc.
- Parents or family members must move into other families' homes due to not being able to afford rent or house payments.
- Income level is a barrier either you make too much or if you go get a job you are just over the income level and then you lose either way.
- It is important to know you must meet the qualification for any type of service and must meet more than 1 to receive services.
- Curious to know if the school districts have partnered with resources for PT, OT, Speech therapy, etc....
- Overly worked PT, and OT employees we need more individuals to do this job.
- Capacity in our region is higher than the number of sites for this region.

6: 20 pm: Questions (5 minutes)

Notes: N/A

Decisions made: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps: Next Meeting

Date: February 7, 2023, @ 5:30 pm via Zoom