

# NOTES



## Region 32 Family Council Meeting

**Date & Time: May 15, 2023, 6:00-7:45pm**

Members Present: Hailey Siegel, Sarah Gowler, Tahlia Guimond, Teage Drinnon, Ami Kring, Kasira Potts, Natasha Ashford, Cheme Williams, Ali Denault, Danielle Norton, Jazmine Mancha

Members Absent: Alison Chandler, Amber Bramer, Ashley Chappell, Emily Rodriguez, Brenda Mohr, Sarissa Johnson, Coen Clark, Laura Ziegler

### **6:00: Welcome, Permission to Record, Icebreaker**

- Kennilyn welcomed and permission to record was granted.
- Kennilyn asked members what they would do in their free time as an icebreaker.

### **6:15: Regional Needs Assessment**

- Parent/Caregivers, Needs/Recommendations:
  - Liz reviewed what is included in the Parent/Caregivers section of the ECEC Regional Needs Assessment including the quotes and bullets parents expressed.
  - It was mentioned to add transportation to the bullet points.
  - Reviewed ECEC Programs offered in our area and the Barriers & Challenges they are experiencing.

### **6:30: Review Regional Needs Assessment Updates**

- Workforce:
  - Council member mentioned that our local CCR&R needs to have more training in our area.
    - Liz noted this would be great for the addendum and will be added in the future.
  - Current efforts in the area's ECEC Workforce were reviewed.
  - Kennilyn spoke on Head Start increasing their wages federally and how that can speak to the need for wage increase locally.
- Strengths/Needs
  - Kennilyn shared the strengths and needs of the region from the last meeting and how the Action Council added to the list as well and rated them in order of importance to create the final infographic.
    - 1. Quality Workforce, Recruitment, and Retainment
      - Continued funding for ECACE scholarships, increased hourly wages for staff, bi-lingual staffing, and additional professional development and support.

- 2. Centralized Community Network for Information, Referrals, and Resources
  - System of support to streamline Information, Referrals, and Resources for all entities serving prenatal to age eight.
- 3. Provide Mental Health Support/Wrap Around Services for ALL Children ages birth to eight, ALL Families, and ALL Educators in Region 32.
  - Support the psychosocial, emotional & developmental needs of our children and families within the community but also the professionals supporting them.
- 4. Provide Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) slots and funding for Infrastructure for Region 32 based on need.
  - Physical space is needed to support increased slots by building infrastructures, renovations, or partnering with local organizations.
- 5. Accessibility to Transportation for children ages birth to age eight in ECEC Programs, healthcare support, and family support.
  - Addition of public transportation, school district transportation, and funding allocated for ECEC programs.
- The infographic was shared.
  - Infographics will be given to the public for awareness.

**7:00: Next Steps: Dissemination Plan & One-Year Evaluations**

- Kennilyn asked the Council where we should go to present and who we should be talking to for our dissemination plan.
  - Kennilyn presented a Google doc that is in the shared drive for them to add information like events, people, organizations, etc.
  - Kennilyn informed the Council of a one-year evaluation that will be emailed to each of them for completion regarding staying on the council and their feedback.
- Summer Family Council meetings will be held virtually only.

**7:15: Adjourn**

**Next Meetings:** June 12<sup>th</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup>  
 6:00 – 7:45 pm  
 Virtual Only