



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 9 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** July 11th, 2023; Zoom & July 15th, 2023; Rantoul Public Library

**Date & Time:** July 11th, 2023; 12:00pm-2:00pm & July 15th, 2023; 10:00am-12:00pm

Council Members present: Rita Conerly, Stephanie Burnett, Julie Duvall, Fredericka Greer, and Mary Mcnealy

Council Members absent: Stephanie Williams, Stephanie Burnett, Khadijah Visor, and Amber Brancaleon

#### **12:00pm: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (5 Minutes)**

Notes: None

#### **12:05pm: Meeting Warm-Up (10 Minutes)**

Notes: Council members shared their favorite summer activities

#### **12:15pm: Regional Needs Assessment Review (45 Minutes)**

Notes: Caitlyn discusses RNA Sneak peek. Caitlyn asked council members how they felt and their reactions to the combination of work we did as a community. Council members thanked the team for compiling the ideas of the council into this report. Council members are excited and cannot wait to see the actual RNA. Council Members said "Many teachers only stay because of passion, not pay. They should be compensated more to retain them. Keeping teachers helps support children and build families."

#### **1:00pm: Break (5minutes)**

#### **1:05pm: Year 2 Planning (30minutes)**

Notes: Caitlyn put the council members into breakout groups. Council members said the activity was frustrating and they feel like the workforce is the most important and getting these caregivers better pay. They discussed community resources that are promoting early childhood education. Council members said that this report is important because a lot of people do not know about the shortages and hopefully can offer support.

Council members suggested: Teen parents should look to partner with the organizations that collaborate with young mothers. Such as transitional programs. Members also suggested, Spanish speaking students can offer services to employers that are willing to learn another language or even have school make it apart of their curriculum.

**1:35pm: Open Discussion/ Q&A (15 Minutes)**

Notes: Council members stated employees cannot confide in their leadership, nothing is being done when they voice their concerns but when an employee reacts, they are in trouble. Council members also said we do not have the resources to help children with behaviors. Families who work night shift do not have childcare resources. Council members discussed families with language barriers not having proper resources. Council members asked, “Are some of these the suggestions from what we sent in” “Is there an emphasis on teacher’s salaries?” Council members are also wondering if employers can support their staff and community without one group being favored over the other. In terms of who gets a spot first, an employee or a member of the community. Council members want to know how we can hold these places that offer these services accountable.

**1:50pm: Family Council Update (5 Minutes)**

Notes: None