



MEETING NOTES

Region 3 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 01/17/23, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Council Members Present: Kelsey Richardson, Brittany Smith

Council Members Absent: Kelsi Thompson, Judith Hopkins, Bethany Radcliffe, Fawn Terwilliger, Alicia Logue, Tessa Phillips, Heidi Mose, and Kristen Kelley

5:00pm: Welcome & Review of Community Agreements, Mission, and Vision

Notes: N/A

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:20pm: Slot Gap Review and Discussion

Notes:

- Discussed waitlists at child care centers
 - Most members had experience with waitlists or know someone who has
 - Length of time on waitlists depended on child's age and the number of spots available at center
- Discussed guidelines for slots and availability
 - Bond County has weighted slots for preschool-PFA/PFAE programs
 - More points are awarded for higher needs children – they get priority
- Discussed services offered in Region for children ages 0-5
 - MOPS – homeschool friendly
 - KRP in Bond County
 - Project Parenting in Bond County
 - Early Intervention
 - Child Care centers
 - Parents in attendance were from Bond County-no info from other counties
- Discussed barriers to utilizing resources
 - Transportation, long wait lists, no before or after-school care, hours of operation, early intervention timeliness, 0-2 age child care spots, location
- Discussed ways to spread the knowledge about available resources to families



- Region is very rural – hard to get the word out
 - Possibly sending home brochures with school aged kids
 - Business cards/brochures at prenatal/OBGYN offices
 - Possibly something for the WIC inserts
 - Outreach at community events
- Discussed how to reach families who are isolated in the home
 - Social medial
 - Snail mail
 - Leaving brochures at doctor’s offices
- Discussed experiences with services in other areas that would be nice to see in our Region
 - Before and after-school programs
 - Summertime camps/activities for 0-5 age groups
- Discussed Early Intervention timeliness
 - It’s a timing game to get services in time
 - Lags in referral completion
 - What supports would help during the waiting period?
 - Supports for parents to assist their children with their needs
 - Support groups
 - Driving more than an hour one way for specialized or autism services
- Reviewed Data for Region

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: members to reach out if they come across any services in the region that were not discussed

6:50pm: Review Next Meeting Time and Location

Notes: reviewed next meeting time; discussed the importance of the stipend agreements

Decisions Made: resend stipend form with follow-up email

Next Steps: reach out to members early next week if stipend forms are still not received

7:00pm: Adjourn

Next Meeting

Date: February 23, 2023

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Zoom