



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 3 Family Council Meeting

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

Council Members Present: Kristen Kelley, Bethany Radcliffe, Judith Hopkins, Alicia Logue

Council Members Absent: Kelsi Thompson, Fawn Terwilliger, Tessa Phillips, Heidi Mose, and Kelsey Richardson

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

#### **5:20pm: Early Childhood Education and Care Programs Review and Discussion**

Notes:

- What is the Region's current Early Childhood Education and Care landscape?
  - High poverty/low income
  - Rural towns
  - Kids in families experiencing homelessness
  - Two working parents
  - High percentage of child abuse/maltreatment
  - High-needs children
  - Parents who do not need every day care
  - Parents who do shift-work
  - Single parents
- Case Study – Single mom who is doing shift work at the hospital with a newborn, a 3 year-old, and a seven year-old. The 3 year-old has an ISFP that will need to be transferred to an IEP.
  - Ask coworkers for resources
  - Reach out on social media
    - Who is equipped and experienced to handle a child with behavioral needs
  - Do research based on previous experiences to get best possible outcome
  - Ask doctors/inquire at the local health department
- How are families deciding which providers to choose?
  - Hours of operation
  - Location



- Quality
- Word of mouth/reviews from the community
- Experience with behavioral needs
- How do you feel about transportation time if you do not have that in your community?
  - ½ day preschool – no transportation to daycare centers
    - Kids who are eligible for preschool at 3 years old can't go because parents can't pick them up at half day to transport to the child care center
- Challenges and Changes
  - Knowing people in the community to reach out to
    - If you are new to a community – you may not know anyone to reach out to find out information
    - Programs not having a Family Support Person to field calls and reach out to parents to guide them to resources
- Recommendations
  - Pay teachers what they are worth
    - Supporting children AND teachers
  - Trauma-informed care for school AND parents
  - Mental Health counseling for 0-5 years old

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 27, 2023

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Zoom