



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 3 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 03/13/23, 5:00pm-7:00pm

Council Members Present: Fawn Terwilliger, Alice Hulvey, Shelby Funneman, Brittany Smith, Kelsey Richardson, Alicia Logue, Bethany Radcliffe  
Council Members Absent: Kelsi Thompson, Judith Hopkins, Tessa Phillips, Kristen Kelley

#### 5:00pm: Welcome & Review of Community Agreements

Notes: reviews community agreements

#### 5:20pm: Parent and Family Engagement Review and Discussion

Notes:

- What is working currently within our Region
  - Early Intervention programs
  - Healthy Families program (Health Department) – home visits
  - Project Parenting and KRP (Bond County)
- What positive experiences have you had with child care?
  - Clean centers
  - Well-functioning
  - Parents became friends with staff on a personal level
  - Greenville filled a need for a daycare center – did the work to get it open (staff really care for the kids)
  - Montessori – staff did their best to meet the needs of a child on the autism spectrum (Effingham)
  - In-home daycare – sitter gives updates and pictures throughout the day to the parents.
- Reviewed child care barrier survey
  - Has there been a time when you needed child care services for your child(ren) and couldn't find it? If so, what did you do?
    - A parent struggled to find the right fit for their child – ended up selling their house and buying a smaller home so mom could stay home with the child
    - A parent could not find a sitter for a one night event and ended up canceling plans



- Asking family members or friends when there are no other child care options
- Jamboard – What is working for you when it comes to ECEC?
  - Teachers and Project Parenting Educators really care about the kids they are involved with
  - Family Engagement events
  - Free preschool (PFA/PFAE)
  - Home Visiting
  - Socialization
  - Public library programs
  - Online resources
  - Availability of providers
- Jamboard – What is not working for you when it comes to ECEC?
  - Inconsistent staffing
  - Expensive child care
  - Family engagement events and Project Parenting events are often during the middle of the day excluding working parents
  - Over compliance numbers on special education classrooms
  - Not being flexible if you need to reschedule or cancel for whatever reason
  - Events can sometimes feel like a “club” – not very inviting for new families
  - Lack of mental health supports
  - Lots of jobs without paid parental leave
  - Staff gossip/lack of professionalism
  - Administrations that doesn’t have experience in early childhood
  - Administrators that don’t seem to enjoy working around younger children
  - Project Parenting educators pressuring parent to send child to pre-school when parent expressed wishes to homeschool

**6:50pm: Review Next Meeting Time and Location**

Notes: notified members of next meeting time

Decisions Made: asked members to notify Birth to Five staff if they are unable to attend



**7:00pm: Adjourn**

Notes: Reminder for stipend forms to be filled out and returned to Katie.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**Next Meeting**

Date: March 27, 2023

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Zoom