



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 33 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: 01/12/23- 4:15-5:30pm

Council Members present:

Marie Laure Lamare, Kourtnei Carlson, Jessica Burrell, Janel Young, Jessica Alvarado, Leanne Corson

Council Members absent:

Christopher Myers, Morgan Lewis, Jessie Goodwin, Katie Johnson, Renata Conway

#### **4:15pm: Welcome, Introductions, and Ice Breaker (10 minutes)**

-Welcome

-Icebreaker

If your family was a superhero, what superhero would your family be?

2x The Incredibles

2x Power Rangers

Ninja turtles

Spiderman

Decisions made: N/A

#### **4:15pm: Establish Community Agreements (5 minutes)**

Decisions made:

-Guidelines we will follow as we move forward to ensure open, active, inclusive, and respectful dialogue and participation.

+We will seek to understand differing perspectives

+We will not hesitate to speak up if you have trouble seeing/hearing

+We will respect each other's views

#### **4:20pm: Review of last meeting**

1. What the Village has been working on?:



- Increasing the Early Childhood workforce
- Increasing capacity of current Early Childhood programs
- Increasing the number of available spots for children in programs
- Outreach campaign focused on educating the public about ECEC
- Identifying ECEC needs in our community and breaking down barriers

## 2. Collaborative Groups in Our Region

- Youth Empowerment System (YES)- Birth to 21 (Mental Health Grant)
- Recovery System of Care (ROSC) - Support for families trying to get to recovery from substance use disorder or are in recovery
- Blue Ribbon Task Force - Raising awareness of Child Abuse Preventions
- Drug Endangered Children Alliance

### **4:25pm: Review of last meeting**

#### 1. What focus groups are we currently trying to meet with?

- Single mothers
- Single fathers
- Foster families
- Families of children with disabilities
- 10 other priority populations identified by Action Council

Decisions made: N/A

### **4:30pm: Slot Gap: The difference between what we have and what we would like to have.**

#### 1. What is the gap between the total number of children and early care and education programs and total services in the region?

- Total capacity of Early Childhood Services = 2647
- Total Number of Children 0-5 = 5490
  - +2843 children unable to receive services
  - +Slot gap of roughly 60%

#### 2. What is the gap between publicly funded programs and children eligible for publicly funded programs in the region?

- Federal funding is tied to parents' income
- Programs are based on 100% to 135% poverty level.



- +Birth-5= 1,546 Children
- +Total Capacity of Providers= 2,647 Children
- +Difference of Children and capacity= +1,101 Children
- 200% Federal Poverty Level
- +Birth-5= 2,833 Children
- +Total Capacity of Providers= 2,647 Children
- +Difference of # of Children vs. capacity of Providers= -186 Children

3. Why is it important?

- State of Illinois is targeting families @400% the federal Poverty Level: \$111,000 Annual Income for a family of 4.

4. What are the early childhood programs are available?

- Preschool for All, Preschool for All Expansion, Head Start, Early Head Start, Prevention Initiative, Licensed Child Care, Licensed Family Care Center, License Exempt Care Center

**4:30pm: Priority Populations**

1. When you hear the phrases priority population or underrepresented population what comes to mind? And the second part of that question is...Could you provide some examples of those populations?
  - Families living in poverty, single parents, first time parents, foster families, parents in recovery, LGBTQ+ families, families with English Second Language, minority families, under-educated families, grandparents raising children, homeless families, migrant or seasonal workers, Teen parents, families involved with DCFS
2. What are 3 priority groups we should focus on?
  - Homeless Families, Families involved with DCFS, Families of Children with Disabilities, Families in Poverty
  - The information will be confidential

**5:00pm: Narcan parent training and information**

- Fighting the Opioid Crisis
  - +Prescription pain pills
  - +Heroin



- +Fentanyl
- +Poly Substances
- What is Narcan?
  - +Lifesaving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids.
  - +Narcan is not harmful if given to people not experiencing overdose
  - +You can buy Narcan at your local pharmacy
  - +Available free through Opioid Overdose Prevention sites (Bridgeway)
  - +You are protected by the Good Samaritan Law created in 2010.
- Signs of an overdose?
  - +Unconscious, Small pupils, Shallow Breath, Vomiting, Not able to speak, Faint heartbeat, Blue lips, Pale skin, Limp arms and legs
  - +For additional information about Narcan contact Leann Courson
    - Phone 217.273.9731
    - Email [leannc@bway.org](mailto:leannc@bway.org)
    - In person 232 Windish Dr. Galesburg IL, 61401

Decisions made: See Below

**5:22pm: Next Steps (5 minutes)**

- Next Meeting will be:
  - Date: February 23, 2023
  - Time: 4:15-5:30pm
  - Location: Bondi Building, Conference Room
- Family and Community Engagement Specialist will:
  - Email Minutes of meeting to Council members
  - Follow up with Community Events in Region

**5:30pm: Meeting Adjourned**