



MEETING NOTES

Region 13 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: December 6, 2022, 7:00-9:00pm

Council Members present: Toni Carter, Katie Schmollinger, Kathy Brown, Ranzie Callahan, Kelsey Smith, Jessica Hogg, Lexi Kanteres, Rachel Jackson

Council Members absent: Shelby Coke, Katlynn Mullins, Ashley Renth, Jacob Purcell

7:00 Welcome, Introductions, & Family Photos (18 mins)

Notes:

- Heather Pruett – Regional Council Manger, Brittany Lemons – Family & Community Engagement Specialist, Jessica Chin – Administrative Support
- Family Council members introduced themselves and shared family photos.
- Kathy Brown – Clinton County, Kelsey Smith – Jefferson County, Toni Carter – Jefferson County, Ranzie Callahan – Jefferson County, Katie Schmollinger – Marion County, Rachel Jackson – Marion County

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Submit your signed Stipend Agreement with your mailing address to Jessica.
- Send Brittany or Jessica a picture of your family if you did not get the chance to share this meeting.

7:18 Ice Breaker (9 mins)

Notes:

- Family Council members shared their favorite Disney movie and why.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

7:27 Community Agreements Review (3 mins)

Notes:

- Worked on Community Agreements as a council.

Decisions made:

- Members agreed on the current Community Agreements to abide by within our meeting space.
- A new Community Agreement was added.

Next Steps:

- We will review the Community Agreements every meeting and open it back up for discussion.

7:30 Training and Support for Family Council (3 mins)

Notes:

- On-demand foundational trainings were shared.
- Discussed that the trainings will give you Gateway credit.

Decisions made:

- Heather will let the Family Council know if Continuing Education Units (CEUs) can be offered for trainings.

Next Steps:

- On-demand foundational trainings can be used between meetings to help us with our work.

7:33 The role of the Family Council, Family Stories (36 mins)

Notes:

- Reviewed updates from the Action Council.
- Shared the purpose of the Action Council and how both Councils will work in tandem.
- Posed a question from the Action Council from their demographic and slot gap meetings.

Decisions made:

- Some members shared their reasons on why they chose not to enroll their children in a licensed care facility or publicly funded program.
 1. Quality of programs
 2. Smaller class sizes are offered in private programs
 3. Half day options are difficult for parents, especially in the area of transportation
 4. Child did not qualify for the program based on screening results
 5. Trust and comfort levels
 6. Faith based
 7. Closer to work

Next Steps: N/A

8:09 What is Meaningful Family Engagement? (9 mins)

Notes:

- Explained how meaningful family engagement pertains to our work.
- Brittany shared a story that relates to meaningful family engagement.

Decisions made:

- Family stories will be confidential and only bullet points will be shared outside of the meeting to build a Regional Scan.

Next Steps: N/A

8:18 Closing Discussion (15 mins)

Notes:

- Council members shared their feelings on how this work will help our region.
- Discussed different options to get the Family Council involved in the work.

Decisions made:

- The work of family engagement and thinking outside of the box will create a true community system of networks and resources.
- The Family Council will use case studies during meetings to deepen their work on early childhood in our region.

Next Steps:

- The next Family Council meeting is January 10th from 7:00-9:00pm.

Follow-up/Next Steps:

- Submit your signed Stipend Agreement with your mailing address to Jessica.
- Send Brittany or Jessica a picture of your family if you did not get the chance to share this meeting.
- We will review the Community Agreements every meeting and open it back up for discussion.
- On-demand foundational trainings can be used between meetings to help us with our work.
- The next Family Council meeting is January 10th from 7:00-9:00pm.