



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 19 Family Council Meeting

Location: Zoom

Date & Time: December 13, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

#### **6:00 pm: Welcome & Introductions of New Attendee Family Council Members (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- Introduction of Council Members present and new Council Members.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **6:10 pm: Icebreaker Activity (10 min)**

Notes:

- Family Council Members and Region 19 staff share their Winter Family Traditions.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **6:20 pm: Review of Family Council Community Agreement– DuPage County Demographic Information Overview (14 min)**

Notes:

- Review of the Community Agreement created during the previous Family Council meeting.
- Overview of data maps from DuPage County:
  - Population under 6 Years old, Federal Poverty Level (FPL), Locations of Child Care Home and Centers, Children under 6 by Race and Ethnicity.
- Descriptions of Federally Funded Child Care, who they are, and what they do.

Decisions made:

- No additional agreements were added to the Community Agreement.

Next Steps: N/A



### **6:34 pm: DuPage County Demographics Discussion (50 min)**

Notes:

- Discussion around what was new or surprising for DuPage County after looking at the data.
  - Huge disparities between cities in close proximity.
  - Funding disparities within neighboring school districts and the services they offer.
  - Families are denied services because they make one dollar too much.
    - These children and families are not receiving the services needed.
  - There is always a waitlist for providers.
- Discussion around the disconnect between families and providers along with the mistrust.
- Feedback regarding the changes and impact COVID-19 has had in DuPage County.
  - Class sizes are bigger
  - Child care centers have downsized activities
  - Inconsistency in staff
  - Hard time finding a Child care center when families have subsidies
- Discussion around students that have an IEP and ESL students.
- Transportation discussion and its availability.
- Discussions around services provided and areas where families with limited to no access to economic/material resources live.
- Assumptions, experiences, and misconceptions about DuPage County and what this data tell us about our region.
- Feedback about what gets missed in the community and the language barrier many families face in DuPage County.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **7:24 pm: Questions (3 min)**

Notes:

- Google forms are always open to everyone for additional input.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Meeting notes and Google forms will be emailed to all Family Council members.



- Next meeting will be in the new year

#### Follow-up/Next Steps

- Meeting notes and Google forms will be emailed to all Family Council members.
- Next Family Council meeting will be January 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

