



Meeting AGENDA

Region 26 Family Council Meeting

Location: 130 S Lafayette St, 1st-floor conference room, Macomb Illinois

Date & Time: Monday, December 12, 6-7:30pm

Present- Carla Ford, Paul Larson, Lacie McGraw, Shannon McKee, Kelly Nelson, Alyssa Ray

Virtually- Ronecia Misinga, Casey Morgan

Absent - Claire Happel Ashe, Krystin Brown, Tori Buckert, Orina Gillham, Brodie Irish, Miranda Pribble, Jacey Rumler, Amanda Trone, Elizabeth Van Hove

6:00-6:15 Welcome & Introductions (15 min)

Decisions:n/a

Next Steps:n/a

6:15-6:25 Review Community Agreement, Forms, Roles, and Responsibilities (10 min)

Decisions: Community agreement is agreed upon

Next Steps: Agreed that the document will remain a working document and we can add/subtract from it at any time.

6:25-7:05 Slot gap presentation and discussion (40 min)

Decisions:

- **What stands out to you?**
 - **Council members stated the following**
 - **There is a big need for ages Two and under**
 - **wait lists in our area are 50-plus people long**
 - **The child was waitlisted until he could get into a program at the age of 3**
 - **After seeing the waitlist we just waited until he turned 3 to not have to wait as long.**



- The waitlist for ages 6-8 years old was one to two months long and 3-6 months long for a newborn.
 - Parents need daycare to work but can't work without daycare.
 - The money that the workers are paid is not enough to keep the workers
 - Childcare is cost-prohibitive for many families. One parent may work mostly to pay for childcare.
 - Employers are prioritized on the waitlist for providers.
 - Birth to three spots are very limited in our region,
 - Is that due to limited staff or limited funding?
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- **Personal Experiences from Family Council Members**
 - One Family Council member stated that their family is working opposite shifts from each other because childcare is too expensive.
 - One county in our region utilizes other families because of their culture, they believe that their communities come first, so they trust that the community is there and they don't have trust built up with daycares in the area.
 - A community in our region only utilizes Childcare when DCFS is involved
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- **Solutions?**
 - Trust needs to be established in the communities that are priority population heavy.
 - Flyers for our community
 - Mentorship programs for the older children, to come read to the younger children
 - Large facilities instead of smaller ones, pool resources
 - Consider how families can support one another via home care provider



- **Consider how high schools can augment the workforce by creating a co-op that would feed care providers.**

-Next Steps:

7:05-7:20 Action Council and Regional Scan Update

Decisions:n/a

Next Steps:n/a

7:20-7:30 Wrap up/Housekeeping, Discussion Guide (10 min)

Decisions:n/a

Next Steps:n/a

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9, 2023

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