



MEETING NOTES

Region 49 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 12:30-2:00pm

Council Members present: Natalie Doyle, Jamie Nordling, Kristen Petry, Georgia Steer, Ashley Tharp, Silvia Salinas-Torres, Amanda Wentler, Jessica Lovera-Matter
Council Members absent: Jazmin Cervantes, Abigail Pritchard, Antoine Smith Sr.

Welcome, Community Agreements & Teambuilding

Notes: Family Council members reviewed Community Agreements and participated in a team-building activity sharing something they are grateful for and looking forward to. Region 49 Family Council welcomed new member, Jessica Lovera-Matter.

Action Council Updates

Notes: Emily Cummings shared that the Action Council spent their last meeting going through data related to priority populations and identifying what is working versus what is not working for children and families. Emily showcased the multitude of services offered to priority populations by the individuals who make up the Region 49 Action Council.

Review of Last Meeting's Data

Notes: Angelica Villarreal reviewed the data previously examined regarding the Slot Gap. Family Council members discussed CCAP data, the decline in Early Intervention enrollment, and understanding parent choice while finding child care to suit a family's individual needs.

Whole Group Focus: Priority Populations

Notes: Family Council members assessed regional data for priority populations.

- Children of Teen Parents – Region 49 has more teen pregnancy than surrounding counties.
 - Resources
 - EveryChild
 - Parenting Classes
 - Prevention Initiative @ Rock Island High School



- CCAP for parents attending school
- Need
 - Comprehensive/Mentor Program for expecting youth
 - Breastfeeding/Nutrition Education
- Children of Caregivers with Low Educational Attainment
 - Resources
 - EL/GED Preparation Courses
 - Health Programs offer gift cards/infant supplies for participants
 - Need
 - Mitigate shame and blame of low educational attainment – it is never too late to obtain an education!
 - Prevention Education
 - Program Promotion
- Children in Families Experiencing Homelessness – Children are lacking other basic needs in addition to shelter.
 - Need
 - Catch up from backlog of families served
 - Shelters for women without the presence of domestic violence
 - Fill empty HUD units
- Children Living in Poverty/Deep Poverty
 - Region 49 has a higher percentage of children living in families at or below 50% of the FPL
 - Transportation barriers are exacerbating the issues of those living in poverty – extensive time spent travelling via public transportation.

Trainings Available for Council Members

Notes: Kelsey Swanson has uploaded to the Family Council Google Drive, a series of foundational trainings from Illinois Action for Children that have been made available to all council members.

Next Family Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 12:30-2:00pm

Location: BridgePoint 485 – 1 Montgomery Dr. – Moline, IL 61265