



## NOTES

### Region 50 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: December 1, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**I. Welcome & Introductions of Regional Council Manager & Staff (10 min)**

Facilitator(s): Stephanie Herling, Shameka Brown, & Tabitha Luczak

**II. Ice Breaker (25 min)**

*What's the best piece of advice you would give a new parent? And why?*

Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown

Members discussed the best advice they would give to a new parent.

**III. Review Roles & Responsibilities of the Family Council (20 min)**

Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown

Members looked at the four agreements previously chosen at the first meeting.

At this time, members did not have any additional agreements to add.

**IV. Break (5 minutes)**

**V. Training Support for the Family Council (10 min)**

Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown

Members learned about the free opportunity with Illinois Action for Children to participate in on-demand training online.

**VI. What is Meaningful Family Engagement? What Does it Look Like for the Family Council? (30 min)**

Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown

Members discussed the importance of helping others and sharing resources.

Members spent time discussing the importance of having a voice in the community. Members discussed the programs that have truly shown and supported Family Engagement. The members spent time defining the

difference between Family Involvement and Family Engagement as a group.

Shameka shared the ways that Birth to Five Illinois will prioritize Family Engagement in the work moving ahead.



**VII. Questions, Updates, and Closing (20 mins)**

Members discussed barriers that they experienced when participating in programs offering Family Involvement and not true Family Engagement. They discussed a need for activities that interest multiple age groups and the activities planned do not always meet the developmental level of all children. The meeting was wrapped up with the members sharing a word or phrase they are taking away from it.



Next Meeting: December 15, 2022