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Region 50 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: December 15, 2022, 6:00pm-8:00pm

6:00pm: Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements (25min)

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

- Members shared their experiences with a local Christmas distribution.
- Three new members were seated on the Family Council. Families shared about themselves and their families.
- Agreements were reviewed and it was asked that we add: This is a respectful space that allows members to be brave and vulnerable.

6:25pm: Introduction to Birth to Five Illinois Council Goals (15 min)

Presenter: Stephanie Herling & Shameka Brown

Materials: Binders/Google Drive

- Members 'painted a picture' of their community. They shared how the communities have changed since childhood. There is a feeling of disconnect in multiple communities. Assumptions are made about families based on the community they live in before getting to know the family.
- St. Clair County is a colorful rainbow, segregated, bell curve (outliers and suffering vs millionaire dollar home), disparaging, gap is large within the community and feel forgotten except Scott Air Force Base.

6:40pm: Training Available to Council Members (5 min)

Facilitator(s): Shameka Brown

6:45pm: Break (15 min)

7:00pm: Small Group-St. Clair County Demographics (50 min)

Presenter: Stephanie Herling / Shameka Brown

Materials: Binders/Google Drive

- Discussion around the drop in population served.
- Discussion around poverty relating to the federal government.
 - Is it bare minimum assistance or enough to survive when thinking about minimum wage and families working multiple jobs?



- Looking at this data as a result of the 2020 Census, were undocumented families afraid to report their data? What is the perspective for why population was down?
- Resources are not always where you need them. Do families choose to live where it is safer with better schools but now don't qualify for resources or stay where they do not have a sense of safety and quality education?

7:50pm: Questions (10 min)

- Members used words to describe the meeting. The families felt great while feeling heard and relieved.

Next Meeting:

Date: January 19, 2023

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm