



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 54 Family Council Meeting

**Date & Time: November 17, 2022 6 PM – 8 PM**

Council Members present: Arian Dodge, Ashley Omlor, Brittany Coleman, Diamond Moss, Haley Rhoades, Jennalynne Wright, Jennifer Wright, Kari Hastings, Kourtney Manno, and Melinda Dolan

Council Members absent: Jerri Whetstone, Jessica Peters, and Jonathan Munoz

#### **6:00 PM: Welcome and Introduction (20 minutes)**

Notes: Members took turns introducing themselves for the new people.

#### **6:20 PM: Icebreaker (30 minutes)**

Notes: Members were asked "Do you celebrate Thanksgiving? If so, what does it look like for you this year? Members took turns sharing their answers.

#### **6:50 PM: Community Agreements Review (10 minutes)**

Notes: Caylynne displayed the Community Guidelines from last meeting. Members were asked if there was anything to be changed or added. After some time for review members agreed there were no changes needed.

Decisions made: No changes needed

#### **7:00 PM: Review Roles & Responsibilities of Family Council members (10 minutes)**

Notes: Caylynne went over what is expected of the Family Council members. Asked if there were any questions. No questions.

#### **7:10 PM: Training Support for the Family Council (10 minutes)**

Notes: There are the trainings that are offered:



Training 1: [Early Childhood Education and Care Overview](#) (21 minutes)

Training 2: [Racial Equity in Planning and Assessments](#) (22 minutes)

Training 3: [Community Systems Development Overview](#) (22 minutes)

Training 4: [Data & Asset Maps](#) (29 minutes)

Training 5: [Parent & Community Engagement](#) (29 minutes)

Training 6: [ECEC Facilities](#) (46 minutes)

Training 7: [ECEC Workforce](#) (30 minutes)

Next Steps: We offered for council members to come into the office if needed to use laptops and/or Wi-Fi. We will also offer training assistance during these times. We are hosting a “Winter Open House” for council members and families on December 1, 2022. Open house will be a time set aside for trainings and activities.

**7:20 PM: What does our region do well to effectively support children and families? What could we do differently or better to effectively support children and families? (40 minutes)**

Notes: Comments and concerns from council members

“Most places accept CCRS”

“Services that families need are here (available in Vermilion County), but not a lot of people know about them.”

“We do will with iGrow and the Early Intervention.”

“We have some pre-k, home daycares and centers.”

“In rural towns, there are not enough spots for children, pre-k classes.”

“Childcare is so rough on both ends; For the parents and providers.”

“...don’t think we have enough options in daycare”

“Quality of daycare and services have went way down.”

“Shortage of therapy services.”

“Cost of daycare continues to go up.”

“Business don’t care about their employees families; They are pointing employees for things out of their control.” (ex: child sickness, daycare shutdowns or no sitter)



Next Steps: research date to answer council member questions.

Questions asked by members that need answered.

Have companies in our area have thought about opening daycare for their employees' children?

How has the law changed the demographics?

How many children in the rural areas?

What races are found in our rural areas?

What might we be missing that the data doesn't show?

**Follow-up/Next Steps:**

Next meeting

Date: December 8, 2022

Time: 6 PM – 8 PM

Location: 3821 N. Vermilion St. Danville, IL