



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 19 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** Zoom

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

#### **6:00pm: Welcome Family Council Members, Review of Family Council Community Agreement (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- Welcome to our Family Council Members
- Review of Community Agreement and Courage Conversations

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **6:10pm: Updates (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- Overview of Parent Café's
  - Parent Cafés engage parents/caregivers in meaningful conversations about what matters most- their family and how to strengthen that family by building protective factors.
  - Our goal is to have Parent Café's in our Region with the assistance of our Family Council.
  - If you are interested in participating in a Parent Café, please reach out to Claudia.
    - [Clangoni@birthtofiveil.com](mailto:Clangoni@birthtofiveil.com)
  - Additional information on Parent Cafes can be found on <https://jamboard.google.com/d/10pGu61Bt4Ou8RmHamgMzNqkPDuxbSnpBmJFsvYNBV30/viewer?f=0>
- Family Council interest forms are now open. If you know of someone who may be interested, please encourage them to fill out the interest form.
- Our Regional Needs Assessment will hopefully be public at the end of the month.
  - Once public, our Regional Needs Assessment (RNA) will be posted on our Birth to Five Illinois website.
    - [www.birthtofiveil.com/region19](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/region19)



- Every region will be recording a webinar on the RNA, which will be posted on YouTube. When finalized the link will be found on each region's individual website.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **6:20pm: Final RNA and PowerPoint Overview (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- Brief overview of the PowerPoint presentation for the Regional Needs Assessment webinar.
- The PowerPoint presentation will look similar across the state. This will help with consistency across the state.
- Each webinar will be a max of 30 minutes.
- Our webinar will review the same sections as our Regional Needs Assessment.
  - The purpose of the webinar is to entice individuals to read our Regional Needs Assessment.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

### **6:35pm: Region 19 RNA Dissemination Talking Point (60 minutes)**

Notes:

- Family Council members reviewed the PowerPoint for the webinar and discussed key talking points for each slide.
- Demographics
  - Clarification on the quote regarding the aesthetic of Region 19. Potentially adding a quote regarding discrimination.
  - Racial identity restricting family's access to child care.
  - Multifamily households
    - Example of a family "violating" their lease due to having a baby.
  - Families migrate to other cities such as Aurora or West Chicago due to barriers they face such as being asked for identification/ credit score.
    - Leasing regulations are too strict in DuPage County
    - Families moving to Cook County
  - Families not moving to other cities even when they have the financial means due to not feeling welcomed by the community.
- ECEC Workforce



- The importance of early child care providers and the impact they have on children.
- A need for better compensation/benefits and value for the profession.
  - Staffing shortages
  - Include teacher assistants when considering compensation and benefits.
- The need for coaching, mental health support, and mentors.
- Family and Caregiver voice
  - The difficulty of finding affordable quality child care mostly post-pandemic.
    - More difficult when a child has specific needs.
- Key Strengths and Key Needs
  - Change takes time.
- Recommendations
  - Possibility of bringing up Parent Café's in this section.
- Additional Talking points
  - Timeline of measuring the impact of the change/recommendations.
    - How are we measuring impact? When and how will the community hear about it?
  - White privilege conversation: It is not just about color.
    - "I don't benefit from any of these changes."
  - Emphasize the return on investment.
    - Benefits society overall
- Conversation regarding each region having differing key needs that are at the state level.
  - The state team will do an in-depth analysis to look for patterns and themes that will benefit the state overall.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps:

- Talking points and responses from Action Council members and Family Council members will be formatted in FAQs and sent out to all members.

### **7:35pm: Next Steps (10 minutes)**

Notes:

- The Family Council Celebration will be this Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- If you know of anyone interested in joining the Family Council or the Action council, please share the interest form.



- Region 19 will not be part of the selection process for our region.
- Family Council Interest Form: [www.birthtofiveil.com/family](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/family)
- Action Council Interest Form: [www.birthtofiveil.com/action](http://www.birthtofiveil.com/action)

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

Follow-up/Next Steps:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm