



MEETING NOTES

Region 1 Family Council Meeting

Location: Hybrid- In person and Zoom

Date & Time: March 12, 2023 3:00pm-4:30pm

Council Members Present: Amber Sighting, Jayme Davis, Jamie Yording, Chandler Keltz, Sara Ogden, Zhanela Church, Brittany Berry

Council Members Absent: Sinah Gosnell, Diane Richmond Harris, Sandra Bongambo, and Brittany Klutz

3:00pm: Welcome & Community Agreements (10 minutes)

Notes: Brittany welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting with a different concept. This meeting will be focused on consensus building and identifying the strengths, needs, and recommendations thus far in our work. Link to the Jamboard was shared in the chat and via email to participants. Community agreements were reviewed as a whole.

Decision Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:10pm: Strengths (15 minutes)

Notes: Participants were asked to share strengths we have identified in this work from around the region using the sticky note feature in Jamboard. They were asked to reflect on the topics we have discussed thus far including Demographics, ECEC programs, and Slot Gap. Strengths identified by the group included:

- EI options if you know about them
- Preschool programs
- ISVI and ISD for those who need specialized services
- Numerous child care homes
- Child care centers in Jacksonville
- Child care centers offering transportation to public preschool programs

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:25pm: Needs (20 minutes)

Notes Participants were asked to share needs we have identified in this work from around the region using the sticky note feature in Jamboard. After identification, the council was asked to sort the needs into the appropriate topics (Demographics, ECEC Programs, and Slot Gap) and



then to prioritize the needs, pulling out the top needs to begin writing some recommendations.

Needs identified by the group included:

- Bilingual supports
- Preschool options
- Child care options
- More staff for existing programs
- EI providers
- Increase in home visiting services in rural areas
- Affordability with child care options
- Knowledge of services and programs
- Access to CCAP- knowledge, application assistance, eligibility
- Screenings for children under 3

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

3:45pm: Recommendations (30 minutes)

Notes: Upon identification of the greatest needs, recommendations were made by the council. Recommendations included:

COSTS:

- Expansion of CCAP income guidelines to include more people
- Scholarships or other programs for families who don't qualify for CCAP
- Sliding scales or income driven cost models
- Only charge for days/times in attendance

SCREENINGS:

- Screenings provided in center based and home-based care settings- this should become a requirement for providers tied to licensing/funding
- Screenings include development, social emotional, hearing and vision
- Training for child care staff include:
 - Importance of screenings
 - How to conduct the screenings
 - Referrals
 - Speaking to parents on the findings

KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRAMS/MARKETING

- "One stop shop" for parents to get information about 0-3 programs when they deliver their babies. Need a database that houses all information which can be accessed by county and the source is shared upon delivery at a hospital.



ACCESS TO PROGRAMS/CAPACITY EXPANSION

- “Grow your own” initiative to provide high school or college courses that allow students to spend time in ECEC programs (including home based care)
 - Become more knowledgeable about this career path
 - Expand human resource pipeline
 - Increase quality of care in existing programs providing more helping hands
- Low interest rate loans to spur the opening of new centers AND home based locations

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

4:15pm: Questions and Reminders (5 minutes)

Notes: No questions were asked by members. More portions of the scan will be shared with council members at the next meeting. It was asked of the members if they prefer to receive it ahead of the meetings or to review together in meetings. One person requested prior to the meeting, all others agreed it wouldn't matter either way.

- Next meeting will be March 29, 2023 7:00pm-8:00pm via Zoom.
- Google Drive is always available to members to access, and link was shared in email.

Decision Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A