



## Meeting Notes

### Region 9 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** 106 W Flessner Ave, Rantoul, IL 61866 (Rantoul Public Library)

**Date & Time:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm

#### Attendance:

**Council Members present:** Julie, Stephanie B., and Mary.

**Council Members absent:** Stephanie W, Khadijah, Fredericka, Rita, and Amber

#### **12:00pm-Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements and Meeting 3 Review. (20 minutes)**

Mary introduced herself to the group. She is one of our new members.

#### **12:20pm-Meeting Warm-Up What is the greatest need in our region in order to make our ECEC system function better? (10 Minutes)**

Council members agreed that centers need to offer longer hours for the parents who do not work a typical 9-5 job. More training for teachers so that they can handle all behaviors. Training for the administrators of the centers.

#### **12:30pm-Data Review (30 minutes)**

Jackie and Caitlyn presented the Slot Gap data along with priority populations. Council members seemed to disagree with the data that was presented.

#### **1:00pm-Break (5 minutes)**

#### **1:05pm- Small Group Data Discussion (30 minutes)**

Council members believe that current data is missing and therefore cannot give an accurate representation of the current gap. Ford County needs more centers and EI services. With everything being so expensive, sometimes childcare is not an option and even if you meet requirements to get help with the daycare bill, parents cannot pay the overage.

#### **1:35pm: Alter Ego Personas (20 minutes)**

Council members were asked to pick a priority population and then they were given a scenario about that population. They enjoyed doing this and some of them said that this is a "real-life crisis" for some parents. We did several.

#### **1:55pm-Meeting Wrap-Up (5 minutes)**



Caitlyn spoke about where the AC is in their meetings and how they too shared the opinion that the data is not current and needs to be. She told them about the Connect the Dots conference that we will be attending next week. We also talked about having an evening meeting in place of our Saturday meetings.

Next Meeting: Workforce

Date: 3/16/23

Time: 12:00am-2:00pm

Location: Virtual