



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 9 Action Council Meeting

Location: 601 E Main St. Suite 211 Mahomet, IL 61853

Date & Time: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Council Members present: Lynn, Tyler, Brenda, Jonathan, Nicole, Kelly, Rachel, Kim, and Brandi

Council Members absent: Tonya, Donald, Ha Young, Margarete, and Lily

**Start Time: Agenda Item 1-Welcome & Introductions & Review of Community Agreements and Meeting 5 Review (10 minutes)**

Notes: No new information was shared. No questions and/or concerns were brought up.

**Start Time: Agenda Item 2- Meeting Warm-Up (20 minutes)**

Notes: Introduction of our guest, Javaite Burton (United Way). She facilitated the "Making Choices" simulation. Council members were posed with some questions about choices they would make being parents with little resources for their families.

Decisions made: Families need more resources in our region. "Happy parents raise happy kids"

Next Steps: Continue this work.

**Start Time: Agenda Item 3- ECEC Programs (30 minutes)**

Notes: ECEC programs need a more diverse teaching staff. Some programs do not accept CCAP, and this presents a barrier to some families. FPL and Slot for CCAP is currently 225. Ford County needs a PFA.

Decisions made: Council members agreed that the data presented was not accurate and asked for more up to date data.

Next Steps: We will be looking into some more data that is available to the public.

**Start Time: Agenda Item 4- Small and Large Group Discussion (30 minutes)**

Notes: The data needs to be updated, we need more funding sources so that families in Ford County can gain access to high quality childcare. There are still voices missing at our table. Self-reporting is difficult when trying to collect accurate data.

Decisions made: Continue to seek publicly accessed data that paints a more accurate picture of our region's needs

Next Steps: Set up more focus groups and interviews so that we can find those missing voices and bring them to the table.



**Start Time: Meeting Wrap-Up** (duration of agenda item)

Notes: Jackie Charles informed the AC that the FC will be diving into the Slot Gap and Priority Populations at this month's meeting. She also informed them that we now have FC representatives from Ford County! Caitlyn informed the AC that for the next meeting we will be attending the Connect the Dots Conference.