



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 19 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** Zoom

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023

#### **6:00pm: Welcome (15 minutes)**

Notes:

- Welcome to Family Council Members
- Community and Courageous Conversations agreements reviewed.
- Regional Needs Assessment has been public and can be found on our regional website.
  - <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region19/#report>

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **6:15pm: Ice Breaker (8 minutes)**

Notes:

- Family Council Members shared family updates.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **6:23pm: DuPage County Early Childhood Community Collaborations Overview (46 minutes)**

Notes:

- Overview of Collaborations in DuPage County
  - A Collaboration is the process by which citizens, agencies, organizations, and businesses make formal, sustained commitments to work together to accomplish a shared vision.
- DuPage County currently has 12 different collaborations.
- Birth to Five Illinois has been able to grant \$3.2 million to local Early Childhood Collaborations.
- DuPage Early Childhood Collaboration (DECC)
  - Their goal is to support local childhood systems throughout DuPage County.
  - DECC has now merged with DuPage County Health Department and AOK, now known as DEACC (AOK/DECC).



- AOK
  - AOK is an initiative to promote healthy pregnancies and the positive growth and development of all children birth to five and their parents/caregivers.
  - AOK currently has a parent survey to assist them with their needs assessment which will focus on health and wellbeing.
    - <https://redcap.link/AOKParents>
  - They are planning on hosting an early childhood summit/ retreat where many organizations will come together and talk about Birth to Five Illinois Regional Needs Assessment, look over our recommendations and needs, and see how those changes can be made.
- Conversation around Vaccines for Children, a federal program where children receive vaccines free of charge.
- APPLE (Addison Partners for Play, Learning, and Education)
  - A partnership group of child healthcare and social service providers, preschool programs, childcare centers, schools, family home childcare providers, Addison Library, and Addison community-based organizations.
- Wheaton Warrenville Early Childhood Collaborative (WWECC)
  - Non-profit, social service, and community-based organizations. To support the growth, learning, and success of young children and their families in Wheaton and Warrenville.
- Glenbard Early Childhood Collaborative
  - Community-based partners who work with families and young children to develop and support an environment where all are safe, happy, healthy, and eager to learn.
- Villa Park Early Childhood Collaborative
  - Grantee of a Birth to Five Illinois Grant. Funding will support the development of a new collaborative that will: serve families in Villa Park, Oakbrook Terrace, and portions of Lombard; provide execution and interpretation of an early childhood survey; and improve access to trusted bilingual navigators who will help connect families to screening and benefit programs.
- Action Council and Family Council Interest forms will be under review this upcoming week.
  - Onboarding of new members will be in September.

