



## Work Group 3 Meeting

Date: September 23, 2023

### Attendees

Council members present: Brittany, Kelsey, Meghan, Beth, Paula

Council members absent: Sandra

### Notes:

- Why is this recommendation needed?
  - Outside of Effingham County Connections, there are no other state-recognized collaborations in Region 3
    - Council Member Beth is involved in a collaboration that is recognized out of Clay county
  - The number of children in our region who have IEPs or IESPs – providing higher standards of care for those children
  - Systems collaboration – all services have all information on a particular family
    - Program should be user-friendly for all providers and families, and also roll over to when a child enters preschool, kindergarten, etc.
    - System collaborations outside of district/region/area
      - Data: number of families who move out of service areas
  - Data is only showing grants given out by ISBE
    - Need data on if there is any funding being given out to groups in Region 3 that isn't being documented
    - Why is Region 3 a desert for grant dollars? ISBE or otherwise – are groups in Region 3 even applying?
- Organizations and agencies/individuals to bring to the table.
  - IRIS of Effingham County
    - Experience in becoming a collaboration
  - Project CHILD – Jamie Nichols
  - Chamber of Commerce in Region 3 – childcare programs are business and infrastructure in our economy
    - Mayors, Economic Development offices, City Planners, etc.
  - Any child care agencies
  - Unit 40 program to start high schoolers in ECEC courses
    - Who is in charge of this? Does it exist?
  - Teutopolis
- Stop reinventing the wheel – community systems need to communicate and work together instead of repeating the same work across the State



- Prevent the burn out for ECEC staff
- Next steps:
  - Focus on creating SMART goals that meet the metrics
  - Making a game plan for timeline

### Before next meeting...

- Send follow-up email with notes, next meeting reminders, and any extra reminders as needed