



## Family Council Meeting Summary

Date: September 14, 2023

### Attendees

Council members present: Ali Denault, Cheme Williams, Sarah Gowler, Coen Clark, Tahlia Guimond, Teage Drinnon, Summer Hodge, Kasira Potts, Natasha Ashford

### Agenda

1. Introductions
  - a. Notes: Kennilyn welcomed Council members and introduced our new Family Council members.
2. Year 1 and 2 Overview
  - a. Notes: Kennilyn reviewed our first-year work and informed our Council that the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment can be accessed through our website.
  - b. Notes: Kennilyn discussed the Family Council Orientation Guide and Parent Leadership Assessment Tool (PLAT) which is optional for Family Council to complete.
3. Group Agreements
  - a. Notes: The Family Council agreed to the existing meeting norms and no changes were made.
4. Addendum Updates
  - a. Notes: Kennilyn reviewed the feedback gathered to date for our Addendum.
5. Action Plan Recommendations
  - a. Notes: Suggestions for 2-3 Key Findings
    - Centralized Community Network for information, referrals, and resources.
    - Provide mental health support and wrap-around services for all children, families, and the workforce.
6. Meeting Formats (1AC/1FC/1 Combo)
  - a. Notes: Year 2 will consist of 1 Action Council meeting, 1 Family Council meeting, and 1 Combination Action & Family Council meeting per month.
  - b. Notes: Kennilyn reminded the Family Council that if they cannot attend meetings to inform her or another Birth to Five team member.
  - c. Notes: Meeting materials can be accessed on the Family Council member Google Drive.

- d. Notes: Kennilyn asked the Family Council for any recommendations on guest speakers they would like to have present at the meetings.
7. Smart Goals and CQI
    - a. Notes: The Council watched a short video on Smart Goals ( <https://youtu.be/U4IU-y9-J8Q?si=qKSADgX8IfIWHCz5>) and Kennilyn reviewed the CQI plan.
  8. Webinar Updates
    - a. Notes: The Webinars are uploaded and live on the Birth to Five Illinois YouTube channel.
  9. RNA Updates
    - a. Notes: Kennilyn shared the Jim Rowe Town Hall flyer and invited any Family Council members who can attend to join us at the Kankakee Public Library, on 9/21/23.
    - b. Notes: Kennilyn asked if anyone would be willing to provide a video/voice testimony for the presentation on Thursday.
  10. Community Updates from Members
    - a. Notes: Kennilyn introduced that as a regular part of our monthly meeting the Council members can share their own updates and events.
  11. Adjourn

### Before next meeting...

- Review Family Council Meeting Notes on Family Council Google Drive
- Next meeting date: Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
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