



Family Council New Member Meeting

Date: September 27, 2023

Attendees

Council Members Present: Thalia Ruiz-Garcia, Porshia Branch, Aurora Scarpaci, Amanda Pett, Cali Rudd

Agenda

1. Introductions/Icebreaker
2. Year 1 overview

Notes: The Region 44 Family & Community Engagement Specialist shared with the Council how we developed the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment that was compiled last year. It was explained to the Council that focus groups and interviews were conducted to collect information on the needs of McHenry County relating to Early Childhood Education and Care. After the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment became available the team held dissemination meetings to gain feedback from consumers on any changes, additions or comments relating to the Report. Then an addendum was created from the feedback.

3. Group agreements

Notes: The Council reviewed the group agreements from last year and decided to add a couple more. These agreements will be followed for all meetings.

4. Addendum

Notes: The Council reviewed the feedback received from community members to add to the addendum. This feedback was received from several dissemination presentations in McHenry County. The Regional Council Manager then let the Council know that the addendum has been submitted.

5. Action Plan Recommendations

Notes: The top two recommendations are pulled from the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment that was compiled this past year. The Family Council discussed their preferences for the top two recommendations based on what we can do locally. Also, part of the Action Plan is to learn the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) model and SMART Goals planning. Workgroups and council meetings will meet through January 2024 to develop the Action Plan for both recommendations.

6. Next Steps

Notes: Family Council members are being given the opportunity to complete the Parent Leadership Assessment Tool (PLAT). This is voluntary and will be used to base trainings on for the Family Council members in the future. The PLAT was shown on screen and explained to all the Council members.

Before next meeting...

Notes:

- Please watch for an email regarding the PLAT.
- Please look over the CQI sheet and SMART Goal handouts for the next meeting on 10/11/23 with both the Action Council & Family Council. At the first work group meeting we will take a deeper look into the two recommendations that we will work on for the Action Plan and start the beginning work of the Action Plan itself.