



AGENDA

Region 45 Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Presentation & Listening Session

Location: Zoom

Dates & Times: Thursday, August 10th 11:00am – 12:00pm; Thursday, August 24th
2:00pm – 3:00pm; Thursday, August 24th 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Council Members present:

- Jessica Brafford
- Melissa Duncan
- Gina Haberl
- Stephanie Hanner
- Tara Knop
- Suzanne Kollman
- Gennifer Lubarda
- Rachel Marshall
- Brandy Muertz
- Anne Riley
- Brittany Rongey

I. **Welcome**

Notes: Discussed the purpose of the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment presentation and what to expect.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

II. **Demographics**

Notes: Briefly reviewed demographic information for Region 45 and the contrast between Monroe and Randolph counties.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A



III. Workforce

Notes: Discussed the Early Childhood Workforce in Region 45 and our stated needs and recommendations in support of the workforce.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

IV. Family & Community

Notes: Went over the importance of family voice and the feedback we have received over the past year.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

V. Action & Family Councils

Notes: We went over some of the feedback we received from the members of our Action and Family Councils.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

VI. Group Harvest

Notes: Attendees gave feedback on the Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment and asked questions. It was mentioned that our Region would benefit from a crisis nursery. Another attendee also mentioned that she would like to see child care provider wages be addressed in our needs and recommendations.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next steps: Will add the given feedback to our addendum.

VII. Stay in touch with Birth to Five Illinois: Region 45

Notes: Discussed ways to stay involved with Birth to Five Illinois.

Decisions Made: N/A

Next steps: Will send out important links and a follow-up survey.