



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 47 Family Council Meeting

**Location:** Zoom

**Date & Time:** August 10, 2023, 6:00pm-7:30pm

Council Members present: Sasha Gomes, Candace Antczak, Brittany Howard, Shayla Johnston, Maggie LaFever, Carly Rodriguez

Council Members absent: Angie Danielson, Jessica Higgins, Charis Allen

#### **6:00pm Welcome and Icebreaker (20 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie welcomed members and the group participated in an icebreaker

#### **6:20pm Presentation of Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment (20 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie presented a condensed version of the released report to the Family Council. Council members share thoughts, questions, and additional dissemination ideas.

#### **6:40pm Listening Sessions (5 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie and Abby talked about the upcoming Community Listening Sessions. Abby explained the format and that she would follow up with those who are interested in participating in an advocacy role.

#### **6:45pm Resource Discussion (15 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie led a discussion on the topic of "where families get their resources." We discussed specific Facebook pages, websites, and newsletters and the pros and cons of each.

#### **7:00pm Involvement Discussion (15 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie led a discussion on how to get parents and caregivers involved in listening sessions and to be interested in being part of the Family Council.

Notes: We discussed how parents may not feel qualified to be on the Family Council and how to help them feel comfortable in a leadership role. The Council also felt that busy schedules may concern parents to make the time commitment.



Notes: A suggestion was made to have a Family Council Open House type event to be able to spend a little more time talking about what Family Council is.

**7:15pm Thank You (10 minutes)**

Notes: Stephanie thanked the Family Council members for a great first year on the Birth to Five Illinois Family Council.

**7:25pm Wrap Up**

Notes: The next Meeting will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 7, 2023

6:00pm - 7:30pm