



## Family Council Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

### Attendees

Council members present: Lissett Felix, Lizzie Haynes, Tanika Jones, Monique Nally, Amethyst Hamm, Gail Waddell, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Mindy Parks, Jamie Aldridge, and Antoinette Bidlingmaier

### Agenda

1. Introductions for New/Old Members
2. Group Agreements
3. Birth to Five Illinois Work/Year 1 Overview
  - a. Notes: Went over the Family Council Orientation Guide. Talked about the purpose of Birth to Five Illinois and Year One work. Discussed Year Two plan using the top three Recommendations from our Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment to create an Action Plan. Disseminations were done with many partners including Compass for Kids, LIC Sangamon County, Child Abuse Prevention Coalition, IESE Region Specialist ROE 51, Chatham Area Chamber of Commerce, and Springfield Ward 5 Alderwoman, Lakeisha Purchase, to name a few.
4. Update on Addendum
  - a. Notes: New feedback from Child and Family Connections #18 (Early Intervention (EI)), Camelot Cares Center (Child Welfare Workers), Head Start/Early Head Start, Capital Area Career Center, Molina Healthcare, Parent Group from Menard County, United Way of Central Illinois Advisory Council for Menard County, New Berlin School District/Early Childhood Team, and Citizens Club of Springfield in the form of new data, new recommendations, and quotes.
5. Action Plan recommendations
  - a. Notes: Councils already voted on the top three local recommendations. Both Councils will meet together in our Workgroups around each Recommendation. Workgroups will meet for Recommendation One, October 19, 6pm – 8pm; Recommendation Two, November 16, 6pm – 8pm; Recommendation Three, December 7, 6pm – 8pm; All Recommendations, January 18, 2024, 6pm – 8pm. The Council came up with Community Agreements for the Workgroup meetings.
6. CQI Work
  - a. Notes: Introduced the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) model and passed out handouts. Participated in Potato Head activity to learn and understand the CQI model.
7. Closing remarks, data sources, foundational trainings, and how to connect.



- a. Notes: Shared the data sources, and foundations trainings link with the Council. Contact Amanda or Ashley if they have questions, sign up for the Region 51 Newsletter, and join our Facebook Group.

### Before the next meeting...

- Send out a Doodle to vote on the day that works best for Family Council Meetings.
- Think about who could be our guest speakers for upcoming meetings.

**Next Meeting Family Council: Wednesday, October 11, 2023, Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm**  
**Location: 1209 S. 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703**