



Family Council Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

Attendees

Family Council members present: Kesha Harris, Sara Trine, Lissett Felix, Mindy Parks, Tabitha Williams, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Amethyst Hamm, Elizabeth Haynes, and Bushra Ali.

Agenda

1. Introductions for New/Old Members.
2. Icebreaker and Community Agreements.
3. CQI Planning Agenda for the Council meeting and Questions. Review Workgroup/Recommendations Council members selected.
 - a. Notes: Confirmed that all Council members had chosen a Recommendation workgroup and that email invites were sent to them, for those meetings.
4. Future Council & Workgroup Meeting Dates & Times.
 - a. Notes: After voting with a Doodle, the meeting day for council meetings will remain on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
5. Guest Speaker/Video: Tia Kneuvean from Capital Area Career Center the Early Childhood Education and Care Department and Questions.
 - a. Notes: The Council was concerned that only 5% of the High School students continue into the Early Childhood Education and Care field. The council wondered if the Department of Child and Family Services could go into the Capital Area Career Center to tell High School students about other Early Childhood career paths, such as how to open or own a child care program. Another concern raised by the Council members was how the Preschool program was not at full capacity and they looked forward to working on workgroup recommendation one.
6. SMART Goals Video.
7. SMART Goals Definition, Tips, and handouts. Questions.
 - a. Notes: Briefly went over the agenda for the workgroup meetings and asked the members to bring their handouts with them to their recommendation workgroup meeting.
8. Go over the next steps, closing remarks, data sources, foundational trainings, providing the Action Council report, and how to connect.

Before the next meeting...

- November's Speaker will be Bri Rothmond from Community Child Care Connection.
- Workgroup Dates:
 - Recommendation One — Thursday, October 19, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
 - Recommendation Two — Thursday, November 16, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
 - Recommendation Three — Thursday, December 7, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
 - All Recommendations — Thursday, January 18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.



- **Next Meeting Family Council: Wednesday, November 8, 2023, Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm.**
Location: 1209 S. 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703.