



Family Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 19th, 6:00-8:00pm

Attendees

Council members present: Ashley Berlett, Irene Diep, Christina Hutter, Meredith Kerley, Nicole Meyers-Bilbrey, Katie Olinger, Julie Swoik, Ashley Walls

Agenda

1. Introductions
Staff introduced themselves to new council members.
2. Welcome to the Council!
We were so excited to welcome two new members to the Family Council.
3. Icebreaker
All Council members introduced themselves including why they are interested in Birth to Five Illinois and what is their most used emoji.
4. Family Council meetings
 - a. Meeting cadence
 - b. Participation
 - c. Absences
5. Orientation Guide
Ensured all Council members received the Orientation Guide and were able to review it.
Opportunity to ask questions related to this guide.
6. Parent stipends
7. Year 1 work
Review of year one gathering information, writing, releasing, and disseminating Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment.
8. Addendum
The addendum is in and will be completed by the early October.
9. Year 2 work
Year Two will look different from year one as we have different goals this year. Meetings will be more workgroup-centered and provide ample opportunities for Council input. If unable to attend a meeting, we ask that Council members set up a time to talk with staff as everyone's input is important to the process.
10. Action Plan recommendations
 - a. NUF Test
Family Council completed NUF test and chose to work on recommendation to provide incentives for child care centers and homes that accept more families utilizing CCAP, such as higher reimbursement rates, higher reimbursement for equipment, and a streamlined CCAP experience for all .



Before next meeting...

- Review Region 53's Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment
- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 26th from 5:30-7:30pm on Zoom