



Family Council Meeting

Family Council members

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 3:15-5:15 pm

Attendees

Julie Center, Charlotte Erickson, Arisbet Figueroa, Roma Rizvi, Allyson Stefani, Laura Colic, Keith Thompson, Shar Goel, Jessamyn Kryska, Elizabeth Halim, Najma Nishat, Yazmin Tejeda, Yazmin Baker, Safiyah Hassan

Agenda

1. Icebreaker & Group agreements
Irene led an icebreaker and discussed shared group agreements
2. Action Plan Review
Reviewed the action plan we will be working on in the workgroup meetings.
3. CQI: Smart Goals
 - Discussed:
 - plan for full council meetings and workgroups
 - selecting workgroups based on desired recommendation
 - Explained SMART goals, what they stand for, the purpose, and the importance of goals being narrow and region specific.
4. Review of recommendations chosen by Councils
Irene shared that two recommendations were selected by council members for the workgroups. Recommendation two is a merger of two recommendations based on council member suggestions and votes.
 - a. **Workgroup 1 Recommendation:** Build partnerships with health care providers such as developmental/mental health providers and local pediatricians. Increase access to early screening and resource sharing.
 - b. **Workgroup 2 Recommendation:** Create a path for information sharing with families and help families make connections to community resources, such as:
 - A comprehensive list of educational options for families.
 - A family and primary care friendly resource list of referrals that includes Early Intervention opportunities and locations.
 - Family and educator information events to build community, trust, and value of ECEC as well as parent/caregiver input.



- Linking Child care homes, centers, and families with intervention services in the community.
 - Linking Families with educational videos and resources on developmental activities.
5. Workgroup selection and review of meeting schedule
- Shared how workgroup times were selected
 - Reminded council members that meetings can be hybrid, in-person, or virtual
 - Discussed meeting schedule
 - Reviewed access to Google Drive
 - Invited council members to sign-up for the workgroups live during the meeting
6. PLAT leadership development tool
- Irene introduced the leadership tool for families. Families were asked if they had any questions and given the opportunity to complete the tool live during the meeting. Irene asked families how the process was in completing the tool. Participants shared that it was straight forward and easy to complete.
7. Review of Smart Start Illinois
- Irene introduced Smart Start Illinois and the multi-year investment into Early Childhood Education and Care system. The link to the Gateways webpage with Smart Start Illinois information was shared. Members were able to ask questions.
8. Questions/Comments
- Irene shared resources and training available with Family Council members and highlighted the CQI training that is available to the council members.

Before next meeting...

- Please review the Smart Goals Handout
- Please reach out if you have any questions regarding the workgroup meetings