



Family Council Meeting

Family Council Members

Date: November 7th, 2023, 5:00PM-7:00PM

Attendees

Council members present: Azucena Galvez, Jukselin Nuñez, Juana Avila, Desiree Johnson, Heather Stokes, and Roxanna Avila.

Council members absent: Monique Griffith, Cindy Albor.

Agenda

1. October Workgroup: Action Plan.
 - a. Note: The Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Specialist discussed with the Family Council why October's recommendation was created for Region 1-B-B.
 - b. Note: The FACE Specialist reviewed the SMART goals for the October recommendation: Expanding Service Delivery for children and families with developmental delays/disabilities.
 - c. Note: The FACE Specialist summarized the qualitative and quantitative data used to support October's recommendation. The FACE Specialist shared the Google Drive link for creating SMART Goals.
 - d. Note: The Regional Council Manager (RCM) posed a question about their social media usage/preferences to the Family Council. A poll was presented to the group and time was allowed to complete the poll throughout the Family Council meeting.
2. Childcare.
 - a. Defining child care.
 - i. Note: The FACE Specialist defined child care by type: Licensed Child Care, Licensed Exempt, and other types of care—which includes Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care.
 - ii. Note: The FACE Specialist provided data on the different types of child care using maps and tables sourced from the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map (IECAM).
3. Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) eligibility.
 - a. Note: The FACE Specialist reviewed the eligibility requirements for CCAP with the Family Council.
 - b. Note: The FACE Specialist highlighted the updates of the CCAP program and shared them with the Family Council.
4. The Process.



- a. Note: The FACE Specialist reviewed the CCAP process using visual steps that included links and phone numbers to access information directly from the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) website or the Illinois Action for Children website.
 - b. Note: The FACE Specialist demonstrated how to access the CCAP eligibility calculator and showed the Family Council how to use it by providing examples.
 - c. Note: The FACE Specialist reviewed with the Family Council how to find their local Head Start programs and discussed how these programs offer layered funding with CCAP.
5. Barriers.
- a. Note: The FACE Specialists discussed the barriers for families when considering access to child care.
 - i. Picking the right one.
 1. Note: The FACE Specialist discussed how families can decide which providers to choose when looking at quality trust and care. They provided recommendations on how to pick the right qualified child care for one's family.
6. Case scenarios.
- a. Note: In preparation for November's workgroups which will focus on CCAP processes, the FACE Specialist provided four case scenarios to the Family Council to aid them in understanding the guidelines, eligibility, and types of childcare programs families have access to along with what child care providers are also challenged with when including CCAP in their services.
 - b. Notes: The Family Council participated by sharing their input verbally and in the group chat.
7. Next steps.
- a. Notes: The dates and times were provided for the upcoming work groups.
 - b. Notes: Calendar invites will be sent for workgroups.
 - c. Notes: Time and dates for office hours for the week of November 13th.
 - d. Notes: The next meeting for the Family Council will be held Tuesday, December 6 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.
8. Birth to Five Illinois Updates.
- a. Notes: The Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Addendum has been posted to our website.
 - b. Notes: The stipends have been processed for the Family Council members.
9. Q&A.
- a. Note: No questions were asked.

Before the next meeting...

1. Reflection on the case scenarios.



2. Join me for optional virtual office hours to answer any questions or learn more about CCAP and/or all the recommendations we are focusing on from now until January.
 - o November 15th or November 17th from 12:00pm-1:00pm.
 - o Zoom links will be sent soon via text.