



## MEETING NOTES

### **Region 12 Joint Family and Action Council Meeting Monday, April 17, 2023, 4:00pm**

Staff present: Ann Oswalt, Donna Rardin, Sophie Kershaw-Patilla

Council Members present: Sarah Adams, Hope Dennis, Mindy Evans, Brandi Foster, Emily Gullett, Courtney Hatcher, Jamia Joyce, Arianna Walker, April Walls, Samantha Weidner, Liesl Wingert

Council Members absent: Jennifer Bales, Sara Farmer, Cassi Fiscus, Karyssa Garcia, Nicole Gardewine, Sandra Hyde, Beth Lindemann, Mary Roy, Resa Shaner, Whisper Shick, Tina Staley, Amy Walters

#### **4:00 Welcome and Introductions (12 minutes)**

Notes: Ann welcomed everyone to the first joint meeting of the Region 12 Family and Action Councils and provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Participants shared their names, Council membership, where they live, and the reason for their involvement with Birth to Five Illinois.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **4:12 Review of All Recommendations (2 minutes)**

Notes: Ann shared the Jamboard session from the prior meetings, where the Family and Action Councils each provided Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) recommendations for Region 12.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

#### **4:14 Sorting, Combining, and Prioritizing Recommendations (85 minutes)**

Notes: Council members discussed each recommendation.

- Participants noted the recurring topics (for example, child care space and access, funding, special education and supports, community outreach/collaborations, training and education, etc.).
- Each recommendation was then color-coded and aligned by topic.
- Recommendations were then reviewed to note duplicates and overarching themes.



- Finally, Council members consolidated all items per category into one unified recommendation.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Council members will continue to discuss recommendations and brainstorm solutions during the next meetings.

Next Meetings:

- Family Council: Monday, May 1, 2023, at 4:30pm
- Action Council: Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 3:30pm

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom