



## Region 19 Workgroup #2 Meeting

Date & Time: November 16, 2023, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**Recommendation:** A system that supports children from varying levels of development, trauma, and medical complexities through inclusive and adaptive environments.

### Notes

#### **Start Time 6:00 pm: Welcome (5 minutes).**

##### **Notes:**

- Reviewed process for determining workgroup recommendation selection and meeting schedule.

#### **Start Time 6:05 pm: SMART Goal Discussion: Developing Action Steps (75 minutes).**

##### **Notes:**

- Participants were asked to consider and brainstorm several SMART goals for the recommendation.
  - Develop and pilot a toolkit for caregivers/parents (empower/inform them on their rights and advocating for their children).
  - Mitigate environmental harms to young populations by encouraging school districts to take advantage of the electric vehicle grant program.
  - Improving health/education literacy for parents and caregivers
  - Professional development for ECEC workforce and community partners (first point of contact).
  - Develop consistency in services provided by program Family Support/Engagement Specialists (educational need assistance vs. connecting with community resources).
  - Work with ECEC workforce to identify supports and resources needed to assist all non-native English speaking students.
  - Cultural competency training for all positions that work with families and young children.

#### **Start Time 7:20 pm: SMART Goal Discussion: Identifying Key Aspects (35 minutes).**

##### **Notes:**

- Participants were asked to consider additional key aspects of each SMART goal by identifying potential partners, potential risks, challenges, and barriers.



- Potential partners included UIC Specialized Care for Children; Equip for Equality; Family Engagement Specialists; EduCare; ROE; Local school districts; AOK; Health Department, Local community partners; ECEC collaborations and programs.

**Start Time 6:55 pm: Next Steps (5 minutes).**

**Notes:**

- Spreadsheet of SMART goals and notes to be shared with members of the workgroup.
- Communication will be sent prior to the next meeting to narrow down specifics of SMART goals and action steps.

**Next meeting:**

Workgroup #2: Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Full Action Council: No December meeting.

Full Family Council: No December meeting.