

MEETING NOTES

Region 28 Workgroup

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Participants: Abilities Plus, Braveheart, Early Head Start, Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry, Henry-Stark Health Department, Housing Authority of Henry County, Regional Office of Education, WIC

Birth to Five Recommendation Addressed

• Improve agency-level awareness of marketing and funding opportunities to increase family access to community-service offerings.

Workgroup Focus

- Access to community services such as public transportation, high speed internet, and housing/food assistance.
- Understanding of grants available to social service agencies and grant writing processes.

Insights

- The need to participate in community meetings related to the development and sharing of community resource guides.
- The need to increase awareness of grant opportunities that enhance service offerings in underserved communities.