



## Action & Family Council Workgroup Planning

### Recommendation #3

Increase efforts to expand licensed family child care networks that include a diversified workforce and supply funding, technical assistance, and support to get them established in smaller rural communities offering more choices to families.

Action & Family Council Members

Date: November 14, 2023

Time: 6pm to 7:30pm

### Attendees

Council members present: Tangela Oliver, Jacey Caudle, Sydney Pollard, and Natalie Juhl

Council members absent: Colleen McLaughlin, M Stalls, Sheridan Johnson, Kathy Swafford, Sandy Snowden, Alessandra Nicholson, Breanna Puckett-Woods, Micole Larry, and Kimberly Myers

### Agenda

1. Group agreements: Linda reviewed the group agreements with everyone. Zena welcomed everyone to today's meeting and provided our meeting agenda for tonight.
2. Icebreaker: Linda asked everyone to share if we had the power to choose our own two seasons, which ones would those be? Everyone shared their answers.
3. Zena introduced our guest today, Missy Brown, Child Care Resource & Referral Director (CCR&R).
4. Missy Brown proceeded to share a presentation about CCR&R. She shared with everyone their process and what is needed from parents when they apply. Then, we open the meeting for questions:
  - How much are at-home providers paid? Missy shared a chart with different information and tiers on payment scales. We will use this data to create some sort of ad to share with our Region to invite people interested.
  - How is this information being shared in the community? Missy mentioned having different brochures that will be emailed to us as well. Also, this summer



they created a “Be a changemaker campaign” to advertise early childhood. Link was shared in the meeting chat. The State of Illinois is working on a workforce campaign coming soon.

- Planning an informative session for people interested in providing child care was discussed.

5. Zena thanked Missy for sharing this valuable information. Zena mentioned that next month we will look at all the information that we have gathered for all recommendations through all workgroups over the last two months. An email will be sent with the Agenda and meeting link/info. Zena thanked everyone for their attendance.

### **Before the next meeting...**

- Send any related information to us and continue to share CCR&R information in our community.
- Agenda and next meeting info will be sent/provided via email a week before our meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, December 12 at 6p.