



## MEETING NOTES

### Region 39 Family Council Meeting

**Date & Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Wednesday, March 1, 2023

**Location:** Online

Council Members present: Chelsea Brown, Penny Detmers, Simone Houston, Terrence Taylor

Council Members absent: Brianna Wade, Sammantha Barrera, Ashley Johnson

**5:30pm – 5:45pm Welcome & Check-In**

**Notes:**

- **Regional Council Manager & Family Council members introduced themselves and shared video “How Are The Children?”**
- **Family Council members shared what the one thing our region needs to be able to say “All Our Children Are Well!”.**
- **Items stated: accessibility to & awareness of resources- improved outreach to families; quality, safe, convenient child care; transportation, phones, 2nd shift care; weekend child care; support systems (family, grandparents); teachers that are nurturing & have knowledge of child development; ambassadors to eliminate stigmas of using resources.**

**Decisions Made: N/A**

**Next Steps: N/A**

**5:45pm – 5:50pm Staying Connected, Engaged, and Up to Date**

**Notes:**

- **Community Agreements were shared & agreed upon.**

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

**5:50pm – 7:15pm Developing Our Regional Scan (cont’d)**

**Notes:**

- **Data with questions were presented to family members.**



- 1. Why chose the center/ program for their child(ren):**  
Available slot, location was close; heard from friends it was quality; convenience- only option; engagement with families outside of classroom.
- 2. What do families do when no slots available?**  
Family support; trusted friends; stagger shifts for parents.
- 3. Main reason for lack of slots?**  
Not enough certified teachers: COVID- staff did not come back; pay decrease; lack of staff going into ECEC; lack of pay for ECEC staff; staff hours being cut; facilities/ rooms not available.
- 4. What qualities do you want for your child's teacher?**  
Engaging, communicates, provides developmentally appropriate activities, builds language with children, has a passion for children, trustworthy, plays with children, and builds connections with them and the families.
- 5. What are we sacrificing for the convenience of a slot for our children?**  
Children's sleep schedules, missing academic activities, high costs, lack of developmental activities, pressure on caregivers to do developmentally appropriate activities outside of work.

**Decisions Made: N/A**

**Next Steps: N/A**

7:15pm – 7:30pm Family Networking

**Notes:**

- **Congratulations were given to one Family Council member for having her last class to complete her Social Work degree.**

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

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