



## Action Plan Workgroups Summary

December 4 & 5

### Attendees

**Workgroup 1 present:** Megan Meyrick, Shanel Ivy. Guest Speakers: Courtney Kirk, Les Ruffner.

**Workgroup 2 present:** Amy Steck, Jacqui Smith, Jeff Dase. Karen House.

**Workgroup 3 present:** Tamara Doyle, Megan Broderick, Karen House, Brenda Eastham, Alyssa Mize. Guest Speakers: Larry Peterson, Sarah Smith.

### Agenda

1. Group agreements
2. Review of recommendations.
3. What funding would it take to implement the goals, steps, and/or recommendations?
  - a. **Workgroup 1 Recommendation: The urgent need for a Crisis Nursery in Decatur.** Identify an organization to become a grant holder, and secure local, state, and federal funding. Identify potential locations.
  - b. **Workgroup 2 Recommendation: Increasing Awareness of Resources and Child Development.** Funding would be at a local level. Discussion of agencies needed to work on recommendations, risks and barriers to completion, possible solutions to risks/barriers.
  - c. **Workgroup 3 Recommendation: Increasing Professional Development Opportunities for ECE Staff.** Steps were created to address the action plan goal, including funding needed, agencies to include, and possible risks/barriers to these steps. Workgroup members projected what the goal will look like when it is implemented.
4. Are there other community groups, agencies, organizations, or individuals working on similar or related goals/recommendations? No.
5. Is there anything in the SMART goals matrix that needs to be changed/updated based on this discussion? No.
6. Community member, agency/organization, caregiver share-out.
  - a. **Workgroup 1:** Courtney Kirk, Les Ruffner.
  - b. **Workgroup 3:** Sara Smith with ROE, Larry Peterson with Workforce Solutions.



### Before next meeting...

- **Workgroup 1:** Crisis nurseries in surrounding communities will be contacted for tours. DCFS licensing representative will be contacted about licensing standards.
- **Workgroup 3:** Richland Community College professors will be contacted to partner with workgroup to have their students do a project for creating child development resources and activities for families.