



Action & Family Council Workgroup Planning Notes

Action & Family Council Members

Date: December 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Attendees

Abby King, Kelly Ballard, Stormy Sanders, Jessica Goode, Amber Nash, Kelsey Arnold. Marcia Schulte

Agenda

1. Review and finalize the Action Plan for Recommendation #1 .
2. Review Recommendation #2. Form a way to attract, prepare, support, and retain staff in the Early Childhood Education and Care workforce. ECEC system and programs that are easy to navigate blanket Mental Health support and Specialized Services.
 - a. Review why this recommendation was made.
 - Low number of ECEC workers
 - Retention of workforce was low.
 - Education is challenging.
 - Those looking for full-time work in rural locations must drive.
3. The team discussed the challenges faced by parents due to the lack of childcare facilities and the need for better support for childcare workers. They brainstormed potential solutions, including attracting and supporting childcare workers, connecting potential entrepreneurs with resources to start their daycare or preschool, and partnering with agencies like DCFS. We also discussed the importance of community-driven meetings and the need to increase collaboration between public and private agencies.
4. Adjourn.

Before the next meeting...

- Next Meeting date: Family Council January 9, 2023, 5:30pm.
- Next Meeting date: Action Council January 16, 2023, 6:30pm.
- Next Meeting date: Work Group Planning. January 23, 2023, 6:00pm.

