



Action & Family Council Workgroup

Action & Family Council Members

Date: January 8th, 2024, at 5:00pm or January 9th, 2024, at 11:30am

Agenda

1. Group agreements.
2. Ice Breaker.
 - a. Did you make a New Year's resolution?
3. Review terminal goal and sub-goals.
 - a. Create a centralized platform that fosters connectivity and seamless information sharing among providers, resulting in enhanced coordination and communication among professionals.
4. Are there other community groups, agencies, organizations, or individuals working on similar or related goals/recommendations?
 - a. Early learning Partnership-Greater East St. Louis Collaboration.
5. How would caregivers and children benefit if our goal were implemented?
 - a. Better coordination of resources and efforts.
 - b. More opportunities for parental guidance.
 - c. More awareness of resources.
 - d. The community would have a better understanding of ECEC (Early Childhood Education and Care).
 - e. Support network for parents.
 - f. Reduce stigmas and more unification, with a better understanding of the importance, why, and where it starts, that everyone plays a part.
 - g. More opportunities for parent-child interaction and community resources.
 - h. Collaboration among various stakeholders.
 - i. Less of a wait list.
 - j. Caregivers to make connections with other caregivers and share resources and stories.
 - k. Extension of community of similar ages/abilities for children.
 - l. Open opportunities to fill gaps in services within the region and make connections, mentorships, and potential new funding opportunities.
6. Finish the sentence, "It is our hope that the Action Plan will..."
 - a. Bring awareness of resources for children and families in our counties.
 - b. Enhance coordination of services and strong working collaborative relationships.
 - c. Empower others to start new child care centers, know that resources are available, and help families and children move forward in their lives.



- d. Improve the learning opportunities for our youngest learners.
- e. Act as springboard for a new and improved way for the community to view ECEC.
With a new lens moving forward.
- f. Open opportunities to fill gaps in services within the region and make connections, mentorship, share knowledge, and potential new funding opportunities.
- g. Allow us to catch intervention faster and provide wider resources for them.
- h. Increase our connections, understanding access and belongings to resources.

Before next meeting...

- Review the Action Plan sent out after the meeting with updated information.
- We will be going back to our regular meeting format and will begin mental health.
Family Council Meeting - January 22nd 10:00 - 12:00pm
Action Council Meeting - January 25th 11:30 - 1:00pm