



## Action Council Member Meeting.

Date: Friday, December 1, 2023, 9:30am – 11:30am.

### **Attendees.**

Council members present: Andrianna Smyrniotis, Katie Cobb, Kelly Gibler, Kristi Ray, Lisa Weaver, Shannon Dault.

### **Agenda.**

1. Introductions/Icebreaker.
2. Group agreements.
3. Recommendation 2 Wrap-Up.

Notes: The Action Council recognized that trainings needs will change over time, and asked how we would address future needs. It was determined that the work needs to address immediate training needs now, but offer specific, specialized trainings in the future. The ARC was mentioned as an agency that may have trainings available. Kari asked the Council what the results of this work would look like one year from now, and the Council responded that child care providers would be more comfortable caring for children with disabilities, making child care more accessible to working families.

4. Start Recommendation 3.

Notes: Kari reviewed the discussion from the most recent Family Council meeting, and the Action Council agreed with the direction the Family Council went with the first SMART Goal.

SMART Goal 1: Complete marketing and outreach to healthcare professionals and child care provider to inform/invite to the collaboration.

This SMART Goal focuses on getting healthcare professionals and child care providers more involved with the Early Childhood Forum, the Region's ECEC collaboration. Steps to accomplish this include providing a flyer sharing what the collaboration does, collecting information from those interested, and follow-up. This should only take about two months.

Local or state organizations, agencies, and individuals that would be needed to complete the Action Plan include Carle Health, Springfield Clinic, and Order of St. Francis (OSF), University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria (UICOMP), and possibly the Cradle to Career program. There were no suggestions about potential funding.

When asked what full implementation of the Action Plan would look like, the Council said

healthcare professionals would be well informed of Early Childhood initiatives in our area, more families would be served because of better access to the services they need, and children and families will be stronger and healthier.

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

- Brainstorm whether a second SMART Goal is needed for this recommendation's Action Plan.