



[Action Council Meeting Notes](#)

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Attendees

Council Members present: Tracie Sampson, Kayla Miller (also Guest Speaker), Connie Shugart, Laurie Rhodes, Kendra Day, Mitch Baker, Lindsay Sleade, Debbie Tiskos, Laura Pickrell, Lajewell White, LeAnn Bell, Jamar Scott, and Ashley Reynolds.

Agenda

1. Icebreaker, Community Agreements, future Council and Workgroup dates, times, and questions.
2. Guest Speaker: Kayla Miller, Quality Service Specialist from Community Child Care Connection (Child Care Resource and Referral Agency) and Questions.
 - a. Notes: Kayla Miller gave an overview of what the Higher Education Navigator's role is at Community Child Care Connection, the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) grant, and the two-year and four-year colleges or universities they currently work with, in the central Illinois area. She reviewed the applications/forms students would have to fill out to apply for the ECACE grant, including the Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) and the ECACE grant application. Kayla went over what happens after the application process is complete and the next steps for the grant recipients.
3. Review the Action Plan for Recommendation One: Workforce Pipeline. Give the Council members 15 minutes to proof and make edits. Then ask questions they have about the Action Plan.
 - a. Notes: Gave an overview of Recommendation One Workgroup, so the members were up-to-date and understood what was presented at the Workgroup meeting. They read over the current Action Plan for Recommendation One to see if anything else needs to be added/changed.
4. "What SHAPE are you?" team building activity.
5. Opportunity for overall questions.
6. Closing remarks, data sources, foundational trainings, providing the Family Council report, and how to connect.

Before the next meeting...

- December's Speaker will be Scott Jones from United Way of Central Illinois.
- Workgroup Dates:
 - Recommendation Two — Thursday, November 16, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
 - Recommendation Three — Thursday, December 7, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
 - All Recommendations — Thursday, January 18, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.
- **Next Action Council meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023, Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm.**
Location: 1209 S. 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703.