



## Family Council Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

### Attendees

Council Members present: Sara Trine, Antoniette Bidlingmaier, Monique Nally, Amethyst Hamm, Mindy Parks, Bushra Ali, Megan Loberg-Simmering, Apryl Edwards, Tanika Jones, and Lissett Felix.

Guest Speakers: Bri Rothmund and Julia Mayfield, Higher Education Navigators from Community Child Care Connection.

### Agenda

1. Icebreaker, Community Agreements, future Council and Workgroup dates, times, and questions.
2. Guest Speaker: Bri Rothmund and Julia Mayfield, Higher Education Navigators from Community Child Care Connection (Child Care Resource and Referral Agency) and Questions.
  - a. Notes: The Higher Education Navigators presented to the Council about their job role, 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, as well as the Online colleges and universities. They reviewed the steps sharing the applications/forms students would have to fill out, including the Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) and the ECACE grant. They shared the Next Steps after applications were completed. Some Council members voiced that they had utilized the ECACE grant, while others were unaware it was available.
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 Action 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 Family Council meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023, Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm.**
- **Location: 1209 S. 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703.**