



Action & Family Council Meeting:

Date: November 20, 2023.

Time: 12 pm-2 pm.

Attendees:

Present: Jessica Palencia, Juanita Quezada, Krista Escamillo, Laura Kimmel, LaToya Johnson, Maliha Afridi, Norma Romo, Raquel Young, Victoria Theodossopoulos, Debrah Clark, Elizabeth Kaufman, Ellise Boyd-Johnson, Hassan von Schlegell, Sandifer Thomas, Sherry Coe, and Tionia Williams.

Not in attendance: Heather Ramirez, Jessica Barclay, Takara Jalowiec, Amy Loy, and Amy Martin.

Agenda:

During the meeting:

- Community Agreements.
- Updates:
 - Catholic Charities.
 - Regional Office of Education Superintendent Presentations.
 - Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Presentation.
 - United Cerebral Palsy – Center for Disability Services.
- Child Care Deserts:
 - Analyzing feedback.
 - Working with the State Team to format.
 - Adding additional community input.
 - Finalize Action Plans for December 18th meeting at CCR&R.
 - Additional Feedback from Councils.
- Family Home Providers and PFA:
 - FY 25 ISBE is looking to allow the FCC to apply for PFA and PI.
 - Discussion surrounding PEL.
 - PEL teacher into FCC each day.
 - Mentor with a larger entity.
 - Mixed feedback about division will cause power hierarchy.
 - Pay difference.
 - Benefits.
 - Time off.
 - Resource access.
- Workforce Investments:
 - Action Plan #2



- Provider Townhall last Monday: Sharing feedback.
- Not interested in reinventing the wheel.
- Keep workforce initiatives going, advocate, and continue to expand:
 - ECACE grants.
 - The Smart Transition Grant.
 - Strengthen and Grow.

Wrap up:

The next council meeting:

Monday, December 18th, 2023.

CCR&R meeting room.

- Both Action Plans were sent a week prior.
- Review and come prepared to discuss edits.

Summary of Notes

On November 20th, 2023, Birth to Five Illinois held the November council and workgroup meeting. Region 56 went over the region's updates, child care deserts, family home providers and PFA, and workforce investments. The councils were asked to add additional community input for the region's smart goals. Region 56 wrapped up with the next meeting details, follow up emails, and action plans due for next meeting.