

Region 41 Discussion Notes Madison

General Comments

- Would like to see demographic data by school district to align the county.
- 25% of the population is people of color.
- Inequity for people of color.
- Need collaboration with school districts to serve families.
- Challenge of targeted universal supports.
- There is a pocket of below poverty level in rural counties.

Strengths/Assets

- Interagency cooperation.
- Good intentions for collaborative work.
- STAR NET network that supports families and providers.

Needs/Challenges

- Missing opportunity to collaborate with Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) and home care providers.
- Bilingual supports.
- More early educators - workforce shortage.
- Equitable pay.
- Making sure families are aware of the services available.
- Need mental health and infant care services.
- Inequities regarding access.
- Insufficient diversity in the workforce.
- Lack of employer engagement for work/life balance.
- Siloed community.