



Meeting Notes

Region 17 Family Council Meeting

Date & Time: Monday March 20th 5:00-6:30 pm

Council Members Present in Person: Teresa Cornejo, Jacqueline Sweat

Council Members Present on Zoom: Ashley Giebelhausen, Lakeesha Smith, Clymeshia Nelson, Kelly Rhodes

Council Members Absent: Alesia (Anna) Smith

5:00 Welcome & Review of Family Council Agreements

Facilitators: Becky Thacker, Carol Weisheit, Monica Reed

Notes:

- Welcomed to the eighth meeting with a review of the Agreements

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: The Family Council Agreements can be found on our Google Drive and can be updated as we go.

5:10 Icebreaker: What is a family tradition during the spring time?

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker-Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Members and staff discussed a spring time tradition in their family.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:20 Update from Social Media

Facilitator(s): Monica Reed, Regional Administrative Support

Notes:

- Updated information about our social media and newsletter

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: N/A

5:30 Update from Action Council

Facilitator(s): Carol Weisheit, Regional Council Manager

Notes:

- Action Council update

Decisions made: There will be ongoing updates from the Action Council Meetings

Next Steps: Set up date and time for both Councils to meet at the end of May.



5:40 Reflection Time

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Families reflected on the work we have done so far and discussed what has surprised them most about this work, what they feel good about, what they would like to do more or less of, what are the big things they have learned and anything else they would like to add.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Please feel free to add to the Jamboard for more of these answers

6:00 Discussion of Parent and Family Engagement

Facilitator(s): Becky Thacker, Family and Community Engagement Specialist

Notes:

- Families discussed what has been helpful in making ECEC work for their family, what positive experiences they have had with ECEC services for their children, and what sacrifices or decisions their family has made surrounding these issues.
- Families discussed how many children reach out on behalf of their parents due to language barriers and how long it takes to have a call returned due to these language barriers.

Decisions made: N/A

Next Steps: Please feel free to add to the Jamboard with more of these answers.

- Please consider sharing your family story with Birth to Five Illinois on <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/storytelling>
- May 1 will be our last meeting.
- Highlights of our work will be provided April and May and will give you a little bit more background on what we are doing with the Scan.
- Councils meeting up in May

Next Meeting: Monday April 3rd

Time: 5:00-6:30pm