



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

April 7, 2009 – 11:30 to 1:00

Family Life Center

5880 S. Howell Ave. (414) 483-2685

Church Hall – door on north side of church

Lunch will be provided

PLEASE enter your organizations' events on ECIC website calendar

“How to” Information attached to April 2002 Agenda – We are looking for a volunteer to input this information. Pattie Connell has agreed to input info until we get a new student volunteer. You may contact Pattie at Curative

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11:30 Announcements and Promotion of Members' Programs

If possible please bring or email d-lpizur@execpccom.a a written copy of your announcement.

12:00 Domestic Violence and its effects on children –

Debra Fields, Community Education and Prevention Coordinator for Sojourner Family Peace Center.

If time permits

Discuss more about Appreciative Inquiry?

Future topic ideas, WIC, W2, New Dept. of Wisconsin Children & Families, Sen. Jeff Pale, presentations by member organizations.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 4

Meeting location Franklin School District

Topic – Franklin Early childhood program

Council website – ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – March. 3, 2009

Thank you to the Cudahy Health Dept for hosting and the Cudahy Family Library for providing the location.

Announcement and Attendance:

CESA 1, Cindy Prendergast – preparing workshops.

Cudahy Family Library, Rebecca Roepke – Unable to attend.

Cudahy Health Dept, Ed Wrench – No announcements.

Cudahy School District, Sandy Chojnacki – Provided information: 4K registration screenings scheduled March 6 & 13.

Screening of 3 year olds to be done Sept. 1, 2009.

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – Looking for a new location for the Franklin Playgroup

FLC playgroup leader & Parent Liaison for Cudahy School Dist - Gail Kolvenbach – Unable to attend.

Franciscan Villa Childcare, Lisa Lenyard- No announcements.

Franklin School District, Mary Hansen – Unable to attend. Will host May ECIC meeting.

Mary Linsmeier Schools-So. Milw, Kathy Monson & Tammy Scheln– unable to attend

Parents Plus, Trudy Ranallo – Doing a series of workshops for the Family Life Center. Have done workshops for some Head Start programs. All workshops are free.

Prince of Peace, Mary Ashley and Tracy Civel, - unable to attend.

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett, – unable to attend

Oak Creek Public Library, Karen Dorn – unable to attend.

SE Regional CYSHCN Center, Brad Holman – unable to attend

SDC Head Start, Patrick Fendt, – Thank you for hosting March's meeting. Presenter for March's meeting.

St. Ann's Center Child Care, Shelly Reynolds – handed out St. Ann's Center's newsletter *Seasons of Life*. Rummage sale to be held April 2, 3, and 4th.

St. Francis Public Library, Susan Lyles – Planning summer programs and working in collaboration with the St. Francis School District.

St. Francis School District, Michelle Mancl – WELCOME Michelle! Michelle is a school principal and curriculum director.

So. Milwaukee Health Dept, Jackie Benka – unable to attend. Arranged for April speaker.

South Milwaukee School District, Anna Borden – unable to attend.

South Milwaukee Public Library, Denise Herr – Planning summer programs. Registration for storytime starting March 31

UW-Extension, Tina Ginners – Will be working for 2 months and taking a leave to be with her children. Doing potty training workshop. Will send flyer.

Volunteer, Marie Galtka – no announcements

FLC-Director & Project Concern -Co-Director & ECIC co-chair, Debby Pizur –

FLC – Handed out Activity Booklets. Planning summer programs. Contact Debby if you are interested in collaborating on workshops.

PC – Handed out UMOS/W-2 brochures.

Presentation:

Head Start has four areas they focus on education, health, social service and parent involvement, this are all done so a child will be ready for school. The Head Start program is over 40 years old.

SDC runs all Head Start programs in Milwaukee County except for those programs that are run by MPS.

Cudahy Head Start has 4 half day sessions – 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon.

Children can be enrolled once they are 3. Children do not have to be potty trained.

Eligibility criteria is anyone who is enrolled in any of the following programs:

Public assistance

W-2

Childcare Authorization

SSI

Foster or Kindship care

Families that are homeless

Family that meet the income criteria roughly the same as the criteria for getting free and reduced school lunch.

The curriculum used is a modified High Scope curriculum.

The Cudahy Head Start is also using Second Step an anti-violence curriculum.

All children are screen with in 45 days of them enrolling in Head Start.

Parents are a very special partner in the education of their child.

Past group discussion- ECIC -

- Comment on the need by some members to get more detailed information on member organizations.
- Have member organizations invite like organizations to ECIC meeting and talk about their connection to the ECIC. St. Francis library will host and invite area librarians to attend the ECIC meeting.
- Tabled discussion of feedback questions.
- Last years comments: topics to cover in the future: Parents Plus, Wisc. Children & Families, WIC, Head Start, CESA 1
- Question was raise on resources for parents- lending library of toys/equipment for children with special needs. Possible sources Katie's Closet, CESA 1, and SM Library. Is there a need for more resources? If so does the ECIC want to take on that project?

September discussion

Appreciative Inquiry-What works?

Linda Hurst – Collaborating Partners

- Think back about your membership in the ECIC.
- What do you think was a high point for the ECIC?
- What do you like most about the ECIC?

What are your 3 wishes for the future of the ECIC?

Lisa Lenyard shared PowerPoint presentation that was given at the Collaboration Conference. Anyone have ideas to enrich the presentation?

(Previous discussion) Assumptions of Appreciative Inquiry

In every society, organization, or group, something works.

What we focus on becomes our reality.

Reality is created in the moment, and there are multiple realities.

The act of asking questions of an organization or group influences the group in some way.

People have more confidence and comfort to journey to the future (the unknown) when they carry forward parts of the past (the known).

If we carry parts of the past forward, they should be what are best about the past

It is important to value differences.

The language we use creates our reality.

(Nov. Discussion)

What do you think was a high point for the ECIC?

PAT program

Connecting with others and sharing info received with families that are served.

Grant money received in the past.

The diverse organizations that belong to the Council.

What do you like most about the ECIC?

Information sharing

Building relationship that help members serve families

Partnering

The communication between agencies prevents duplication of services.

What are your 3 wishes for the future of the ECIC?

Continue/increase collaboration/membership

Money to support Council and activities

Finish website and utilize it

Have members share leadership role.

Follow-up on people/organizations that are no longer a part of the ECIC.

St. Luke's South Shore to become a place to hold trainings.

Expand

Learn more about member organizations.

Find an effective way to share information received by council members with others.

I wish a rich person would leave an endowment to the ECIC in their will.

Additional discussion

Think about doing another Family Fun Night. Or perhaps do a resource night or child development days. These events could be done in conjunction with the cities' community night outs.

Resources available at www.collaboratingpartners.com

Compile list of members – Susan Lyles and Shelly Reynolds have volunteered to complete this task.

Develop a new directory

Funds maybe available for a small project from regional mini-grant. Proposal needs to be put together and submitted to Linda Hurst.

Perhaps the Council should investigate grant opportunities. Marquette University has a grant library.

Due to shrinking budgets – should host charge a small amount for lunch? Kathy Monson volunteered to help any host look for a donation for lunch.

Topic in the future Birth to 3 changes. Has the move of Curative out of Cudahy impacted families? What is happening with Head Start?

An Overview of The Child Development Days Model and Community Coordinated Screening System was shared