



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – 11:30 to 1:00

Education and Community Center

8255 W. Forest Hill Ave

Franklin, WI 53132

Room A

For directions call: Mary Hansen 414-525-7638 or Deb Scott is 525-7626

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 Franklin Early Childhood Program

Mary Hansen - Diagnostic Teacher, Speech/Language Program Support, Speech/Language, EC

12:30 Good Friend Inc.

Chelsea Budde and Denise Schamens

www.goodfriendinc.com

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, June 2

Meeting location South Milwaukee Health Dept. - Topic to be determined

Council website – ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – April. 7, 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 – Unable to attend

Cudahy Health Dept, Ed Wrench – Health department did not receive a grant that they were working on to address child, health, nutrition and obesity. Will try again for the grant. St. Luke's South Shore Hospital open house May 9th -1- am to 2pm. Car seat safety and helmet check 10 am to 1pm. People can purchase helmets and car seats.

Cudahy School District, Sandy Chojnacki – No announcements.

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – No announcements

FLC playgroup leader & Parent Liaison for Cudahy School Dist - Gail Kolvenbach – Franklin playgroup will organize 3 community outings. Working with Alverno College to have speakers at playgroups plus childcare during talk. April is Autism awareness month.

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 – Provided new handouts about Parents Plus and info from the US Dept. of Ed. Flyer for Celebrate Families event sponsored by Family Resource Connection.

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

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett, – Continuing ASQ screenings and immunizations.

SDC Head Start, Patrick Fendt, – unable to attend

St. Francis Public Library, Susan Lyles – Unable to attend.

So. Milwaukee Health Dept, Jackie Benka – Thank you for arranging April's speaker. April 6th is Public Health week. Working on priority of having a smoke free community. Handed out anti-smoking materials and immunizations cards.

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

South Milwaukee Public Library, Denise Herr – unable to attend

UW-Extension, Tina Ginnors – Will be working for 1 month and taking a leave to be with her children. May do some workshops.

Sensory Processing Disorder Support Group, Kerri Engebrecht - WELCOME! Starting the support group. The group will be held the second Wed. of the month at Children's Hospital.

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

FLC – Is a part of a grant with LaCausa to do the Darkness to Light curriculum of child abuse prevention. Gave report to the Northwestern Mutual Foundation on findings of project to have toddlers self-feed.

PC – To host with the help of Marquette University Clean-Up Hunger Day volunteers a day of Fellowship on April 18th.

Presentation:

Speaker: Debra Fields, Sojourner Truth phone: 933-2722 email: dfields@sojourner@yahoo.com

Handouts: Newsletter Spring 2006 and Summer 2008

Sojourner Truth merged with Task Force Against Violence.

The mission: We provide shelter, safety, support, education and advocacy to break the cycle of family violence because domestic respect is the right of every woman, man and child.

Children exposed to family violence typically will become a victim or a perpetrator of violence.

The effect of family violence depends on each individual.

The cycle of family violence is Tension builds, Violence occurs, and then a period of calm (a false calm).

The effects of family violence are both emotional and physical.

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