



EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERAGENCY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 2– 11:30 to 1:00

South Milwaukee Health Dept.

City Administration Building

2424 15th Avenue

For directions call: 768-8055

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

AGENDA

11:30 Announcements and Promotion of Members' Programs

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

12:00 Review of Website progress

Jill Ochoa – Mouse Bytez

12:15 Group discussion – brainstorming session

What problems or issues are your clients facing that you would like help with?

Example: FLC has clients who were unaware of Birth to 3 services.

What problems or issues are facing you or your organization that you'd like help with?

Example: Need to recruit support groups we can host.

Are there common issues?

If so, do we as a council want to address the issue in some way?

12:45 Funding opportunity from WECCP Regional Network

Linda Hurst – WECCP

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, September 1

Meeting location - Topic to be determined

Council website – ecicouncil.org

Meeting Minutes – May 5, 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 – Unable to attend

Cudahy School District, Sandy Chojnacki – Unable to attend

Curative Care Network, Pattie Connell – Unable to attend

FLC playgroup leader & Parent Liaison for Cudahy School Dist - Gail Kolvenbach – Franklin playgroup will organize 3 community outings. Working with CESA 1 to have parent liaisons in all districts. Good Friends board member. Handed out information on Parents United Consortium

Franciscan Villa Childcare, Lisa Lenyard- Have a few openings for preschoolers and 2 year olds.

Franklin School District, Mary Hansen – Thank you for hosting May's meeting and the Cinco de Mayo theme meal. Mary had her team present the Franklin EC School District Program.

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

Parents Plus, Trudy Ranallo – Provided new handouts about Parents Plus, info from the US Dept. of Ed and a list of workshops they provide. Will be doing a workshop in May on discipline and in June on starting Kindergarten in collaboration with the FLC.

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

Oak Creek Health Dept., Mary Lee Barrett – Unable to attend – dealing with flu issues

SDC Head Start, Jill – Family Advocate.

St. Francis Public Library, Susan Lyles – Collaborated to provide Community Event booklet with Rec. Dept and School District. Looking for new Library Director and Children's Librarian.

So. Milwaukee Health Dept, Jackie Benka – Unable to attend – dealing with flu issues. Suggested June ECIC networking/brainstorming topic.

South Milwaukee School District, Anna Borden – Maybe working with only younger students next year.

South Milwaukee Public Library, Denise Herr – unable to attend

UW-Extension, Tina Ginners – Unable to attend, but says, "Hello" to all members.

Sensory Processing Disorder Support Group, Kerri Engebrecht – Unable to attend. 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 – handed out FLC summer activity booklet and consumer protection catalogues. Announce FLC will be moving to new location in Dec.

PC – Announced Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Handed out PC newsletters.

Presentation:

Franklin Early Childhood Program: Mary Hansen, Darrell Becker, Beth Ciche, Kim Reed, Laura Eichel, Sherri Dahl, Laura Wilson, Kathy Largin-Ringjob.

Have seen an increase in the number of children served over the past 4 years.

Have had up to 6 EC sessions. Have half and full day programs, depending on the need of the children.

Class size varies from 8 to 13 students.

Currently not using peer student model or have a 4K program.

Use the model of working with children in short burst of therapy and find it works very well.

Use a binder with the children's activities to communicate with parents.

Hold a child development days.

Presentation:

Good Friend Inc.: Chelsea Budde 414-510-0385 chelsea@goodfriendinc.com & Denise Schamens 262-391-1369

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Created Good Friend Inc. 2 years ago.

Having children with autism they found the need to explain to their children's classmates what it is like to have autism. Their goal to inform children and adults about autism, to prevent disability harassment (bullying).

Created 16 minute professional done video on the topic.

They do in-services for first responders, paraprofessionals, child care workers, teachers and students.

Do peer sensitivity workshops to address the issues a specific child with autism.

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.