



Coordinator/Business Report May 2014

Reports from Windows of Focus

A. Early Years Window of Focus 1

1) Best Start Network Meeting April 10

- i) Red Flags –Members reviewed sections of document and identified contacts for each
- ii) Transition to Kindergarten –CDSBEO will extend an invitation to schools to offer 2, ½ day summer programs for students entering JK. These will be staffed by board ECEs.
- iii) Family Engagement – members engaged in an exercise to discuss how BSN/EKIOC can support family engagement. (summary posted with BSN meeting notes)
- iv) Early Literacy –Linda Chadwick is in the process of purchasing resources for Early Literacy Kits that will be distributed to libraries.
- v) Aboriginal Planning – Members suggested that we invite someone from Katarokwi Native Resource Centre in Kingston to present to the Network.

Next Meeting – May 8, 1:30 UCLG

- 2) **ECE Recruitment and Retention** – On April 22 the Employment and Education Centre hosted the ECE at EEC information night. About 20 participants had an opportunity to learn about becoming a qualified ECE, jobs available to ECEs and current employment opportunities in Leeds-Grenville from licensed childcare staff, UCDSB, and representatives from SLC and Loyalist College.

3) **Resources from Ministry of Education**

- i) *How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years* has been released <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/HowLearningHappens.pdf> The Ministry is hosting a webcast on the document on May 13 from 1 to 3. Register at: <http://events.digitalmedia.telus.com/ops/051314/index2.php?page=register>
- ii) Proposed increases for OCB and frontline childcare workers <http://news.ontario.ca/mof/en/2014/04/ontario-giving-kids-the-best-possible-start.html>
- iii) *Achieving Excellence: A Renewed Vision for Education in Ontario* <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/renewedVision.pdf>

B School Age

1) **Children's Mental Health Initiatives Workgroup (Kevin Kapler) – Meeting April 29**

Next Meeting – September

- 2) **Local Youth Collective Impact Program** – MCYS recently put out a call for expressions of interest to lead a provincial initiative to support the development of community youth collaboratives. A group of youth service providers (Sue P, Sue W, Elizabeth G, Elizabeth L., Karen, Sara, Sonya, and Alison Inglis) worked with Keith and me to pursue taking the

provincial lead. It became apparent that much larger organizations/coalitions were applying and that EKIOC would not have the resources to compete. The decision was made to not to pursue the grant application, but to continue to use the Stepping Up Placemat to help us build a framework for future grants. Thanks to all those involved for their time and energy. **This will be discussed further at Lead Table.**

3) Youth Engagement Squad (Elizabeth Langlois) – Next Meeting May 21

4) Youth Justice Partners – April 17

Elizabeth Green gave an overview of Making Play Possible.
Brockville Police Week – May 12 to 18 Theme Building Community Partnerships
TR Leger – will have 10 plus graduates
LG Mental Health – if concerns about hoarding please call Cindy at CMHLG
RNJ – offering Choices in Smiths Falls
Next meeting –May 15 9:30

5) Update on Group Homes – FCS, RNJ, UCDSB, Youth Probation met with representatives from MCYS (by phone) on April 7 to discuss next steps in working with group homes. It was decided to invite group home operators from LG and Lanark to meet with representatives from both LG and Lanark planning tables, both school boards, and partners at April 7 meeting. The meeting which will be co-chaired by Kim Morrow (FCS and Sue Poldervaart) will take place on May 22 from 1:30 to 3:30 at UCDSB.

C. Intersection

1) Triple P – (Claire Farella) – Meeting April 16

There was agreement to recruit representatives from sectors identified in the Community Plan to help move the plan forward. A training/orientation day will be held on May 21 at the Standard Church to describe the plan and engage new members. **Please let Tanis or I know if you or a staff member would have an interest in attending.**
Orientation Meeting – **9 to 1 (lunch included) at Standard Church.**

2) Family Engagement Project (Innovation Fund) – Hard copies of the final report will be distributed at Lead Table Meeting. We will need to determine next steps. I met with regional planners on April 28 to write final report for MCYS.

3) Transportation

Transportation Committee – (Sue Watts)

Thank you to all who completed surveys and attended the Focus Group on April 23.
New committee members include: Loretta Corbeil; Sheena Earl (Edwardsburgh Cardinal); Sue Dunfield (Rideau Lakes); Danika Wentzel (Health Unit); John Bell (STEO)

Next Committee Meeting – May 13 1:30 EEC

4) Recreation Steering Committee – Next Meeting – May 23 11a.m. CMHLG

Congratulations to Krista Gill, Catherine Deplaedt and Elizabeth Green for a successful fundraiser for Making Play Possible. Pints for Play raised over \$15 000.

5) Lunch and Learn Updates – All run from 12 to 1

April 9 – Gananoque Topic: Mental Health (Thanks Elizabeth Dorrington)
May 28 – North Grenville Public Library Topic: programs at Health Unit (thanks Kendra Valliquette)
May 28 – Brockville Public Library, Topic: Compassion Fatigue (thanks Sue W, Brandy Smith and Elinor Utting)

6) United Way – All that Kids Can Be – I am a member of this taskforce that is working to develop a community collective impact goal related to improved outcomes for children and youth.

7) Meetings

May 8 – BSN 1:30 to 3:30 UCDSB
May 9 – Leadercast 9 to 4:30 Centennial Road Church

May 14 – Connect Youth Fair – South Grenville DHS
May 14 – Healthy Communities Partnership 1:30 Smiths Falls Health Unit
May 15 – Youth Justice Community Partners 9:30 RNJ
May 21 – Triple P Orientation 9 to 1 Centennial Church
May 21 – Youth Engagement Squad 3:30 EEC
May 22 – Meeting on Group Homes 1:30 to 3:30 UCDSB
May 23 – Recreation Advisory Committee noon CMHLG
May 28 – Lunch and Learn Brockville – noon to 1 Library
May 28 – Lunch and Learn Kemptonville –noon to 1 NG Library
June 4 – Lead Table 9:30 UCDSB