



Meeting Notes
Early Years Service Providers Workgroup Meeting
September 10, 2020
1:30- 3p.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance: Catherine Robinson Preschool Speech and Language (chair); Gillian Jackson KidsInclusive; Sarah Kaufman DSLG; Katie Purcell DSLG (guest) Heather Conlin Infant and Child Development; Elizabeth Dorrington UCLG; Margaret Fancy EKIOC

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda
Approved

3. Approval of Meeting Notes June 11
Approved.

4. Checking in –
Margaret lead an activity to gauge how group members were feeling

5. Business Arising

a) Family- Centred Practice

Using the ``F Word`` Framework (presentation by DSLG)

Katie talked about how DSLG is using the F Word Framework

- **Used if families are struggling with goals**
- **Family goals can fit into framework**
- **Challenging with younger kids**
- **Could start with a couple of goals**
- **CAN Child website provides examples of other groups that use the F Word Framework**

Webinars can be found at <https://www.canchild.ca/en/research-in-practice/f-words-in-childhood-disability/webinars>

- **F Word template is incorporated into reporting achievement of goals**
- **Advantage of hearing the language from an early age**

Gillian challenged staff to do their own F Word profile

Members discussed what EYSP can do to promote use of the framework.

- **Promote consistency in language across organizations/environments**
- **Consistent tool for Transition to School**
- **Has universal application**
- **Decision to provide training/support to promote universal application**

Summary

- **F Words will be a standing agenda item**
- **Members to provide examples of using F Words**
- **Goal of Universal application**

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- **Gather resources and ideas**
- **Determine how to bring back to staff**

b) New Business

a) Responding to COVID

Catherine reported that there is a new equilibrium/balance. Some online services for families will continue.

Heather reported that ICDP is seeing about 20% of families face to face. Will have COVID response as standing agenda item in case members want to address concerns/questions and/or share best practices

b) Shared Communication –

Margaret shared a poster that was created by the Community Youth Initiative Committee to promote services for youth

Members agreed that a similar poster for parents of young children would be beneficial.

ACTION: Margaret will ask Jeremy Zeran to create the poster

c) Identifying Priorities

Members discussed advocacy related to support for a National Childcare Policy. Members agreed to research some key messages/research and bring to next meeting.

Agreement that discussion needs to go to wider group of service providers.

6. Next Meeting – November 12