



Coordinator's Report

April 6, 2022

1. Early Years Service Providers – Meeting April 14

Welcome to Kindergarten – Slideshow with information about all agencies will be sent to all LG schools, with a link to Parent Resource Guides and agency resources.

Discussion – How can we help families honour where their children are at right now from the perspective of your service/agency?

3 questions posed for polling: How can we help families honour where their children are right now? What key messages do we want to promote to families regarding children's mental health?

When do we start campaign?

Actions: Margaret, Mattea Steacy (UCLG); Darlene Owen (CMHLG) will work on campaign promotion promoting play, getting outside and supportive relationships.

Catherine Robinson shared information from a webinar she attended on “Impacts of Pandemic on Young Children” presented by Families Canada and CEECD.

- Hospitalization rates highest among lower income families
- Correlation between school closures and learning delays – most prevalent in schools with lower income families
- Who was most impacted – women ages 25 to 45
- Preschoolers less equipped than expected... especially boys and children from lower income families
- Lifestyle habits – more screen time, less physical activity, increased obesity
- Concerns around verbal development

What to do?

- Higher investment in early years...
- More targeted interventions
- Universal-- Emphasis on physical activity, screen time, sleep – share guidelines with parents and work to meet them
- Targeted – offer mental health services for pregnant women and their partners
- Targeted support for at-risk, low-income families – quality ECE

Childcare in Ontario –

- No reduced funding for school-aged programmes
- Roll out is responsibility of CMSM
- Value Project – will promote work ECEs do
- There is an opt in-opt out option
- Addressing wage ceilings for ECEs

2. **Supporting Brockville MDS**— Report was sent to all members. We will have a follow up conversation at Lead Table.
3. **Data** -- Expressions of interest from CAS and EEC. Goal is to engage Robert Fulton to prepare a data story. To that end we will be continuing to seek out grants.
4. **Triple P Committee – Meeting April 27**
10 practitioners trained
Agencies can find information about training at triplep.net/provider-training-find-a-course
Draft budget was shared and will be finalized at Lead Table.
5. **Youth Service Providers Meeting March 7** -- (Kim Fenn RNJ, Victoria Robertson EEC)
LGIH provided an overview of services
Always looking for suggestions for presentations/topics to discuss
Next Meeting – May 16 1:30 ... all youth service providers welcome
6. **Following up from OHT Survey** – Jane Torrance is following up with mental health and addiction service mapping.
7. **Housing/Homelessness** – there have been several requests for clarification on service pathways/supports related to housing. Robyn has offered to coordinate presentations at our May meeting to provide an overview of roles/responsibilities and access to support. (This will continue into June)
8. **Meetings (a number to be finalized)**
May 4 – Lead Table 9:30
May 5 – Meeting to plan Social Media campaign – 9:30 to 11
May 10 – Special Needs Strategy Meeting on SmartStart Hubs – 9 to noon
May 16 – Youth Service Providers Meeting 1 p.m. (contact Victoria Robertson Victoria@eec.com)
May 18 – Coordinating and Planning Meeting 12 to 1
June 1 – Lead Table
June 9 – Early Years Service Providers Committee 1:30