



Notes
Early Years Service Providers Workgroup Meeting
October 13, 2022
1:30- 3p.m.
Via Zoom

ATTENDANCE: Paula Coleman; Lisa Hunt; Gillian Jackson; Catherine Robinson; Sarah Kaufman; Gwendy Lapp; Crystal Dietschweiler; Mattea Steacy

REGRETS: Tracy O'Brien; Jenny Vandermeer; Cathy DelMei; Lauren Hurley; Cara Howard; Darlene Owen; Cathy Gladu; Ruth Shay

- 1. Defining Our Purpose Discussion & Who Should Be At The Table - Karynn**
Karynn reviewed EKIOC's mission, vision, and common agenda and updated the EYSP Workgroup on priority setting process currently engaged in. In the discussion that followed it was agreed that the EKIOC mission, vision and common agenda have staying power. From an Early Year's perspective that translates into every baby having a good beginning and every child being ready for school. The Early Year's work group queries its' relationship with EKIOC at this point in time. The work of the group has drifted a bit and should relate more directly to the priorities articulated by EKIOC. There was also consensus on the need for information/resources to be centrally located and easily to access for service providers and even for families. The work group would like to see the EKIOC web site to be more robust and functional to play this role. * This was a theme throughout the meeting.

There was also a discussion about wait lists and the need to "hold families in between" perhaps by providing tiered services. There may be a way to collaborate on tier 1 services.

Action Item: Karynn to bring these observations to the Lead Table within priority setting process – **November 2, 2022**

- 2. Update on Eat, Sleep, Play Social Media Campaign – Mattea & Darlene**
Mattea updated the work group on the success of this campaign. With the help of Karen Woods and Susan Healey a series of posts ran for 8 weeks through the

summer whereby all service agencies shared the same, consistent information to remind families of the basics that children need.

3. Welcome to Kindergarten Discussion & Planning – Catherine

During COVID we provided a virtual program to schools, but we understand that schools will be offering in-person Welcome to Kindergarten sessions in the spring of 2023. The work group's preference would be to participate in in person sessions, but there are approximately 40 schools in Leeds and Grenville, therefore, to make this work the organizations at the Lead Table would have to be willing to commit human resources to the endeavor.

Action Item: Karynn to bring this to the Lead Table within the context of the priority setting process – **November 2, 2022**

4. Red Flags Discussion – Catherine

The resource directory of the Red Flags booklet is out of date. A discussion ensued about the various tools and resource directories available to professionals. The work group agreed that it would be preferable to have these accessible through the EKIOC web site.

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5. Roundtable Updates were provided by all.

Next Meeting: Dec. 8, 2022, 1:30 – 3:00 Zoom