




# MINUTES

## MEETING DETAILS

<b>Committee/Work Group</b>	Early Years Service Providers
<b>Chair(s)</b>	Catherine Robinson & Fiona Goodman
<b>Date</b>	December 8 2022
<b>Time</b>	1:30 – 3:00
<b>Location</b>	Zoom
<b>Attendance</b>	Kathy Senneker; Sarah Kaufman; Gillian Jackson; Gwendy Lapp; Catherine Robinson; Courtney Livingstone; Fiona Goodman; Karynn von Cramon
<b>Regrets</b>	Lisa Hunt; Tracy O'Brien; Jenny Vandermeer; Cathy DelMei; Elaine Murkin; Darlene Owen; Mattea Steacy; Shannon Brown; Anna Goodings; Paula Coleman; Cathy Gladu; Ruth Shay
<b>Guests</b>	Mary-Kaye McGreevy & Nicole Rowsome – Upper Canada District School Board

## AGENDA ITEMS

#	Item	Owner	Due Date
1	<p><b>Welcome &amp; introductions</b></p> <p>Welcome to Fiona Goodman of FCSLLG, who is not only joining us, but has agreed to co-chair.</p> <p>Goodbye to Cara Howard of BGH Infant &amp; Child Development Program. Cara is being replaced on our work group by Courtney Livingstone, one of the ICDP therapists. Welcome Courtney!</p> <p>Goodbye to Crystal Dietschweiler of Brockville &amp; District Community Involvement. Crystal is being replaced on our work group by Kathy Senneker Family Planning Facilitator. Welcome Kathy!</p>	n/a	n/a
2	<p><b>Information:</b> Land Acknowledgement – we have not been doing these for this work</p>		

	<p>group, but there is interest in adding this and in making it meaningful.</p> <p><b>Tasks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Gillian will be sending some resources to Karynn</b></li> <li><b>Karynn will be discussing with our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work Group</b></li> </ol>	<p>Gillian</p> <p>Karynn</p>	<p>Dec. 13, 22</p> <p>Dec. 21, 22</p>
3	<p><b>Information:</b> Mary-Kaye McGreevy &amp; Nicole Rowsome introduced us to a new Community Transition to Kindergarten Protocol spear headed by the Upper Canada District School Board and the Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario and modelled after a T2K Protocol that has been working in Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington. It is being introduced for the 2023 September entrance to kindergarten, so referrals will begin In January 2023. The purpose of the protocol is to ensure entry to kindergarten planning for children with special needs that is collaborative and seamless and that provides parents/guardians with an opportunity to participate as equal partners in the transition process. The process provides for a uniform referral process for involved service es and a virtual workshop for parents which will be occurring on March 30, 2023. <b>See attached slides</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Transition to Kindergarten (T2K).p</p> </div>	n/a	n/a
4	<p><b>Information:</b> Gillian provided us an update on Smart Start Hubs. KidsInclusive was selected as one of Ontario’s 22 SmartStart Hubs for KFLA and LLG, which are a one-stop point of entry for families who have concerns about their child’s development and would like to explore available options and supports. The SmartStart Hub connects families with child development agencies and professionals, giving them seamless connections to assessments and services. Kids are eligible from birth to age 19, or 21 if they are in school</p>	n/a	n/a

	<p>and live in Ontario. You do not need a diagnosis if you don't have one. The objectives of the Hubs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear entry (main door) to service that supports early identification of strengths, goals and needs</li> <li>- A consistent, strengths-based, and child- and family-centred approach</li> <li>- Streamlined connections to assessments and services</li> <li>- Early access to family-based supports to leverage and build on families' existing capacity to support their children at home and in the community</li> </ul> <p>SmartStart Hubs will support families in a way that is culturally safe, responsive and promotes equity, anti-racism, and anti-oppression. Hubs will develop approaches to promote respectful engagement that recognizes and strives to address power imbalances between service providers and families.</p>		
5	<p><b>Discussion &amp; Decision:</b> Welcome to Kindergarten</p> <p>A robust discussion occurred in relation to how to best involve ourselves in the 40+ schools in Leeds &amp; Grenville running Welcome to Kindergarten events in the spring of 2023. Prior to the pandemic EKIOC sent representatives to in-person events to represent all partner organizations and to provide hard-copy resources to parents. During the pandemic WTK events were virtual and EKIOC provided a slide deck of services to the schools. For 2023 both the Upper Canada District School Board and the Catholic School Board of Eastern Ontario are hosting both in-person and virtual Welcome to Kindergarten events.</p> <p>The work group agrees with the Planning and Coordinating committee that there is a role for EKIOC to play. It is recognized that the resources of partner organizations are being taxed now, with high vacancy rates and high demand. Natural community connections,</p>		

	<p>such as Public Health Nurses being attached to all schools, have evolved. Comfort has grown about accessing information and services digitally and virtually. It was agreed that time would be better spent on ensuring our resource guides are up-to-date and accessible on <a href="http://www.everykid.ca">www.everykid.ca</a> and that our slide show is robust.</p> <p><b>Tasks:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Karynn to convey decision to Lead Table at next meeting.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Karynn to review &amp; update slide deck &amp; to send to work group prior to next meeting.</b></li> <li>3. <b>Early Years’ Service Providers work group to develop distribution plan.</b></li> <li>4. <b>Karynn to post Welcome to Kindergarten to <a href="http://www.everykid.ca">www.everykid.ca</a></b></li> </ol>	<p>Karynn</p> <p>Karynn</p> <p>EYSP – ALL</p> <p>Karynn</p>	<p>Jan 11, 23</p> <p>Feb 9, 23</p> <p>Feb 9, 23</p> <p>March 2023</p>
6	<p><b>Information:</b> Roundtable Partner Updates</p> <p>Gillian Jackson – KidsInclusive: KidsInclusive will be opening a new location in Brockville on Parkdale Ave. (beside BDACI), which will provide both a physical presence and clinical space for occupational and physical therapy and clinical assessments.</p> <p>Sarah Kaufman – Developmental Services of Leeds &amp; Grenville: Special needs resourcing will be moved to the Counties effective December 31, 2022, therefore DSLG is wrapping up and re-deploying staff.</p> <p>Gwendy Lapp- Health Unit (Triple P) – “Fearless”, a Triple P program dealing with anxiety in children ages 6 – 14, was run recently as a 1-day workshop. There were 6 participants, and it was well received. Plans are underway for it to be run again 2023.</p> <p>Catherine Robinson – Language Express: Language Express continues to be understaffed. They are making changes to their service model to reflect the reality of more clients, more complicated clients, and less staff.</p>	All	

7	<b>Next Meeting: February 9 1:30 – 3:00 by Zoom</b>		