



**The Northwest Collaborative for Families and Young Children**

A Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) CT Birth to Three System

In partnership with Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC)  
Child Growth & Development Workgroup Meeting

**April 21, 2016**

Location: Brooker Memorial 157 Litchfield Street

**In Attendance:** Ruthann Horvay Winchester FRC, Donna Labbe, TECC/TPS; Julie Fabiaschi, Birth to Graduation; Sarah Haynes, Favor Family Peer Support; Jan Lyons, Brooker Memorial; Damian DaSilva, Wellmore; Marguerite Mahon; Child First

**B-3 Updates:** N/A

**TECC Update:** Grant Cycle is done June 30<sup>th</sup>, Steering Committee is working on sustainability plan, and Coordinators are working on advocating for state funds and creating Local early Childhood Councils. August 13<sup>th</sup> Free Back to School Clothing Event – donations can be taken to all schools and Doyle's Medical

**LICC – Parent's Night Out – April 26<sup>th</sup> –** looking for participants, only a few signed up

**EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families Network – N/A**

**CHILD FIRST** Taking referrals, Director has taken a National position for CHILD First, recruitment for a new director is underway.

**COMMUNITY SHARING:**

- Birth to Graduation – Playgroups going well!
- Winsted FRC- Receiver is a collaborative approach around mental health. Three graduates of the course they just provided on educational advocacy were appointed to the Commissioners Network
- Brooker Memorial –Relatives Raising Relatives – updating guide that the CT Dept on Aging had started. Camp scholarships are being offered through Legal Aid for relatives raising relatives; flier distributed. FRC is hosting a Relatives Raising Fair – a flier went out on details via email. Sensory Integration sponsored by Education Connection for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Fit Together: A NW CT Nutrition & Movement Program will begin at Brooker mid-June for children 3-15 and their families– must be referred by a doctor.
- Wellmore – Care coordinator left – new hire to replace, accepting referrals, full case load, autism diagnosis – lack of support, Litchfield County, new supervisor for Care Coordination
- Favor- statewide advocacy group for parents. Will provide training and guidance for parents on IEP process, resources they need to help with challenged children of all sorts. The family support group VENT for parents of challenging children meets at Brooker the third Tuesday of the month in the evening.
- **Next Meeting:** May 19th, 9am-11am. Respectfully submitted by: Donna Labbe