



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)

May 19, 2016

Location: Brooker Memorial 157 Litchfield Street

In Attendance: Ruthann Horvay Winchester FRC, Donna Labbe, TECC/TPS; Alena Josephson; Child First; Lisa Candels, EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families Network; Deb Bristol, Torrington Family Resource Center

B-3 Updates: N/A

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

LICC – Options were discussed moving forward to 2016-17 Year. A survey for members was suggested asking “*What need does your program have that this meeting serves?*”

- A. Merge with NW Home Visiting Program
- B. Nurturing Families Network/CHILD First – Lisa will see Advisory Council Policies
- C. Other?

A survey for members was suggested asking “*What need does your program have that this meeting serves?*” The thought that the LICC/TECC Child Growth & Development is more of a systems level with research/policies and the Home Visiting Coalition is more service implementation focused was discussed. The group decided to put on the June 23rd agenda to discuss further with the larger group.

EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families Network – program basically full with 45 families, have a waiting list, some are exiting. The NW CT Perinatal Mental Health group – part of the CT group which is now a Postpartum Support International Chapter- holds its semi-annual meeting today. The issue of perinatal mental health has been one of several that has gained further attention through increased screenings done by the MIECHV-funded programs across the state. Another issue is the high number of unplanned pregnancies and negative birth outcomes which will be addressed through the One Key Question initiative. More news to follow!

CHILD FIRST Significant wait list, taking applications for Clinical Director, Mother’s Day Event successful.

COMMUNITY SHARING:

Winsted FRC- 16 Graduates of Parent SEE – 4 attending state graduates. Second grade will be added to Batcheller, Head Start will remain in the building. Looking for a seamless early childhood program. Family Resource Center will remain in same place. Registered 65 children. Family Resource Centers were cut \$3,690 each in the state budget – news on how it will impact each site will be forthcoming. Parents as Teachers affiliation fees have increased.

Torrington Family Resource Center: Fundraiser at 99 was a success, full enrollment

- **Last Meeting for 2015-16:** NEW DATE: June 23rd (remove June 16) , 9am-11am. Respectfully submitted by: Donna Labbe