



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
Child Growth & Development Workgroup Meeting
December 17, 2015

Location: Brooker Memorial, 157 Litchfield St.

In Attendance: Rebecca Parilla – Child First, Ruthann Horvay Winchester FRC, Laura Dubreuil – Family Strides, Patti Palermo – Prenatal-5 Education Connection Head Start, Jan Lyon – Brooker Memorial, Julie Fabiaschi- Birth to Graduation, Anne Giordano- EDUCATION CONNECTION; Lisa Candels, EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families

B-3 Updates: Hoping for positive change with the fiduciary changes. Region transitions- no New Haven for Education Connection, the few workers who were serving shore communities are now with Rehab Associates, the team serving those areas and there is good camaraderie. Sad news shared of the passing of Judy Bronson, renowned early childhood educator.

TECC Update: Reviewed TECC Child and Growth & Dev minutes.

Help Me Grow Report:

8 parents trained in Parent Café implementation; 8 families served through Parent Cafes; 46 registered for HMG; 37 screened; 2 detected with delays- 2 referred and 2 connected with resources for follow up.

Group would like to know number of referrals from all HMG registered families in Torrington/Winsted.

Other HMG sites seem to be successful such as Danbury with activities at the Pedi Health Clinics.

Explore additional outreach activities to medical practices in Torrington for ongoing registration.

LICC – Parent Workshop: Potty Training 8-10 attended though 30 signed up- but very well received and families felt supported and connected; next workshop- need one month notice so April or May- Screen Time,- Patti will follow up with Education Connection’s Tech Goes Home program. Outreach will be done to centers, possibility of FaceBook.

EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families: Reported on 12/3/15 site visit by OEC. Only 15% of benchmarks missed. These were Prenatal Care (80.6% vs. target of 87%); Parental use of Tobacco (10.5% referred vs. 13% target); Breastfeeding (75.9% initiated vs. 79% target); First Time Victims of Maltreatment (we had 4% and target was 2.4% or less); Parent Emotional Well-being screen (72.2 vs. 79% were screened). For this coming year, focus will be on improving the breastfeeding and emotional well-being screen scores as the other items are further out of our control. All parent feedback was positive and our site has the highest retention rate of families in the state. Parents Place going well.

Child First to send NFN & Donna for TECC Guide, list of medical urgent care centers to deter ED visits.

CHILD FIRST Fully staffed, wait list is over 20, please send families anyway as the list is reviewed weekly and families with high priority needs move to the top. They are considering starting a Circle of Security-Parenting group for those on the wait list. They hope the Mothers Event will be bigger this year with new shelving and more space to store items-it will be the Friday before Mother's Day.

COMMUNITY SHARING:

- Winsted FRC- Exciting with schools under the Receiver- reinventing the district to be sustainable community district including all schools- public and private, very collaborative man, doing home visits, getting board members onto Gilbert board. Reporter did press release on the Parent Leadership work. Struggling with enrollment for home visits- doing outreach to doctors, playgroups are stable. Fewer families coming to preschool screening for the last 3 months- don't want kids in preschool all day. WACCC subsidized spaces full for full day/ full year.
 - Brooker- Two Hearts Home Project for pregnant and parenting teens/young moms- in old convent on Grove Street. Know we will have a waiting list and the group is discussing coalition/partnerships to work with all young parents on the issues such as problem solving, communication, intergenerational conflict, etc.
 - Head Start/early Head Start- nothing new this month
 - Family Strides- Looking for families, prenatal
 - Birth to Graduation – Finished winter session of 6 playgroups (10 all together) with total of 36 families- very positive feedback- side perk: relationship for older siblings- what's going on with 4 year old, tutoring for 5th grader behind in reading comprehension. Starting in January, 2nd and 4th Monday evenings at Kids Play 5:45-7 Michelle from Canton Library Sign, Songs and Learning.
 - Laura Knapp- Medical Home Initiative Parent to Parent- Jan Hebert gave Anne Giordano's name. They will be hosting focus groups for parents and medical providers reaccess to health care, quality of health care, etc.
- **Next Meeting:** January 21, 9am-11am. Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Candels