

## **Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC) Education Workgroup Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held on November 9, 2015. Meeting Called to Order at 12:15p.m. by Mary Cecchinato, TECC Co Chair. Minutes from our last meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

In Attendance: Elaine Hanscom/TECC, Donna Labbe/TECC & Torrington Public Schools (TPS), Paula Gajewski/Community Family Learning Center, Deb Bristol/Family Resource Center, Kristen Fern/Forbes, Carmella Galipault/Head Start, Paula Romanelli/Head Start, Patti Harris/Vogel-Wetmore Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Cindy Marchell/Forbes Grade 3, Jan Sosnicki/Hilltop, Mary Cecchinato/Torrington Child Care Center, Cindy Guerreri/GMF Liaison, Judy Courtat/EDUCATION CONNECTION, Patrice Nelson/CT Center for School Change, Dawn Markelon/Torringtonford, Teresa Allen/GS of CT, Lynda Reitman/Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susan Carroll/Words and Numbers

Items Discussed:

### *School Readiness (SR) Updates-*

- East Conn has been contracted by the Office of Early Childhood to do professional development for the federal Preschool Development Grant program. Judy Courtat from EDUCATION CONNECTION will be a trainer for the following focus areas: CT Early Learning and Development Standards, developmental screening, referral to special education, social-emotional development, response to intervention, and dual language learners. She will meet with the preschool teachers to determine individual goals. Each program will receive a minimum of 21 hours this school year.

### *Event-*

- The Kindergarten Readiness Fair will remain on the school calendar for January 23, 2016 with registration the two weeks following. We will request the first two Saturdays in March 2017 for the next year's school calendar.

### *Birth to 8 Community Plan Implementation-*

- As a follow up to the discussion on alignment of professional development efforts for both Pre-K and Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade age groups, Dr. Susan Carroll from Words and Numbers was present to ask questions around developing a survey for child care professionals and teachers to determine professional development needs and offerings. Brainstorming session followed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00p.m.

Next Education Workgroup meeting scheduled for December 14, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Hanscom, TECC Secretary.