



2019-2020- Planning Region #3 Meeting Agendas and Notes

<u>September 13, 2019</u>	<u>March 6, 2020</u>
<u>November 15, 2019</u>	<u>May 15, 2020</u>
<u>January 31, 2020</u>	

September 13, 2019

1. Introductions and Welcome Activity – JoDell Phillips called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. JoDell went on to introduce Amy McAllister as the new co-chair and introductions went around the room
Corie Sass began an ice breaker and had everyone line up facing away from each other. It was like playing the telephone game without talking and instead it was like charades.
2. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News – none
3. Approval of [May 2019](#) Meeting Minutes:
First – Angie Hanes
Second – JoDell Phillips
- 4) Becky Dunlap-Morton – Becky is planning to attend the [Coach Booster training](#) in York on November 4th so a group of us could ride together depending on who is interested.

I'm also attaching information about the upcoming [Strengths Based Coaching](#) (Wed, Oct 2 and Thu, Oct 3) and [Tools for Your Coaching Journey](#) (Fri, Oct 4).

Lastly, here is information about an upcoming webinar that will be a great opportunity to learn about coaching in early childhood. Dathan Rush and M'Lisa Shelden are experts at sharing coaching strategies so this may also be of interest:

Coaching in Early Childhood Webinar, Rush and Shelden

<https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/webinars/coaching-in-early-childhood-by-dathan-rush-and-malisa-shelden/>

5. [Services Coordination Report](#) – Ann Kavanaugh

6. Early Learning Connection Update(s) Jennifer Haggart – September newsletter [here](#)

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Upcoming PD Events (registrations.elcomaharegion.org) of interest:

- Teri McGill, Metro Region ASD Network Coordinator, and ELC Omaha Region will be partnering to provide a 1/2 day training *Learn the Signs* on Saturday, September 21 and a spring series to support community child care providers in understanding their work with children. Registration deadline is TODAY!
- Monday, October 14 – *Essential Social Skills for Early Childhood Conference*: This all day conference will allow participants to “dig deep” into the topic of conflict resolution as well as attend breakout sessions on promoting young children’s social and emotional development
- Saturday, October 19 ~ *2019 Early Literacy Conference*: Join us for an engaging day as we discuss the lessons children teach us about acceptance and respect, explore the criteria of what to look for in choosing good books that provide a perfect and joyful grounding for learning about oneself and about others, and also identify ways to extend their learning in your program.
- Michael Brandwein – December 5, 6, and 7
 - Thursday, December 5: *Super Solutions to Help You Work Smarter, Not Harder* (leadership) and *Terrific Training Techniques*
 - Friday, December 6: *Superb Listening Skills to Build Better Relationships* (home visitors) and *Helping People Succeed* (coaches)
 - Saturday, December 7: *Growing Great Qualities in Kids* based on Michael’s most recent book
- Information about these events and more on the Upcoming Events page of the [website](#)
- Respite Across the Lifespan assists family caregivers of those with special needs and healthcare concerns (across the lifespan) locate Respite providers. This allows the family caregiver to take that brief break to recharge—perhaps go to their own appointments, go to the grocery store or even take a nap. The Respite providers have been annually screened – APS/CPS, Sex Offender Registry, Law Enforcement and upon initial application they are interviewed in person and an orientation conducted. We also call their references of course. We can visit with the family caregiver over the telephone or email/mail the Caregiver Referral Form to them. When they return that form to us we can generate a list

of Respite providers that we email and mail to them. The family caregiver then contacts the respite providers, conducts an interview and hopefully utilizes them for respite.

Ellen Bennett with Nebraska Respite sent the following in her absence:

- Here is the link to the NRRS (Nebraska Resource and Referral System):
<https://nrrs.ne.gov/respite/>
- We can also guide family caregivers to possible respite funding sources such as the Lifespan Respite Subsidy (\$125 per month) as well as the other funding options listed below.
- All [program brochures](#)
- The [Caregiver Referral Intake form](#) (what the family caregiver fills out and returns to generate the list of Respite providers)
- **Lifespan Respite Subsidy** application (if the family has **no other funding for respite** -- if approved it is worth up to \$125 per month to help pay for Respite) – it goes to the office in Lincoln – contact information is on the last page). ([Income guidelines](#) sheet is attached)
- **Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program Funding Request for Exceptional Circumstances, including Crisis Respite** application (if the family is approved for Lifespan Respite Subsidy or is applying they can apply for this as well – up to \$1,000 per calendar year)
- **Caregiver Retreat flyer** (this is a day for caregivers to take a break – registration information is on the flyer)
- #2 goes back to Ellen ; #3 and #4 go to the address listed on form (in Lincoln) and #5 for everyone's information.

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7. Assistive Technology Update(s) – Casey Houser she is A.T. can come to Jan meeting. She emailed Amy McAllister direct. We will post her name and email contact information.

8. Child Find Efforts –

- What evaluation tools are being used for birth to three? We encourage feedback on what tools work best – do you use DAY-C? Do you believe it is qualifying children effectively?
Depends on referral

Keep it in context with child – doesn't feel we can just use that

One y/o – overqualifying

Two y/o – underqualifying

Use REEL –

Open communication with parent

Can you keep release with you in case the parent needs to sign one for future concerns that arise

Verification rates don't seem to reflect the looser guidelines. People feel that we use more opinions and intuitive nature – Err on side of qualifying and serving.

ASD social/emotional for SLP

DP3 for qualifying tool – JoDell

Transitory play base – can base on the age that they are in – informal but helps check what you are observing using other tools

Metro area admins get together once/month for MICC – Metro Interagency coordinating council – early childhood from all over meet to discuss early childhood items. ML will present this question to that group

- Upcoming Activities and “Swag” Needs:
- <https://www.ds-stride.org/omahastepup/Walk-Day-Information> ESU #3 is registered for a table
- <https://runsignup.com/unbeatablepoint5k> Autism Society fundraiser

DC West and United Healthcare hosting baby shower Oct 1 – opening up to western Douglas county to attend

Gail Barth, Washington and Dodge county – Oct 1 having conferences – opportunity to present

Missy Oien, a parent – explained that parents are scared and she wouldn't know what to do

McKayla will get with graphics person to design FB and twitter ready pr items to provide the districts.

Robyn Vance is going to present to Physicians, health org, clinic, town doctor – we can meet with them and explain our services

Taking prescription pads to childcare providers. Has seen some results

Take some swag to the childcare providers

Inservice hours are available – thru Jennifer Haggart

Social media acct for EDN – Join mom groups – ? Feels that Social media is the best place to make connection – Allison Ramirez

- ELC Omaha Region (Jennifer, jhaggart@esu3.org) has a training approved for inservice hours that can be offered to child care programs. [This two hour training session will assist participants in understanding typical and atypical development across all domains for children birth to age five; strategies for partnering with parents about concerns; and how to access support through the Early Development Network in their community.] Please contact Jennifer if you'd like her to work with you on getting this training scheduled for a child care program in your community.

9. RBI Implementation Tips – Targeted Improvement Plan

- Spotlight Discussion...Getting Ready Home Visits

Spotlight Discussion Protocol:

1. Spend 2-3 minutes thinking and writing down a question, thought, situation, topic, or challenge you would like to share and get feedback from the group.
2. Appoint a notetaker and a timekeeper.
3. Each participant will get 5 minutes to be in the spotlight. The person in the spotlight will share their question and receive feedback and ideas from other participants.
4. After 5 minutes, the spotlight moves to the next participant.

At 10:00 a.m. we reconvened to share what our small groups discussed

- Getting Ready Home Visit Plan Note – JoDell Phillips
- Training Needs?
- Small districts/video taping for RBI; qualifying tools; State to clarify for at risk or supporting what children – mixed messages
- Torsh – app to record your RBI

10. New Business

- Bootcamp hosted by the Metro...November 7 and 8 here at ESU #3. Participants, coaches, and families being secured. We are at 21 participants; ML explained how we are coming together to offer this training in the fall. The state is in agreement.
- Save the date for the Early Childhood Special Education Symposium slated for Wednesday, February 12, 2020.
 - Click [HERE](#) for the flyer!

11. Motion to Adjourn at 10:27 a.m.



November 15, 2019

Introductions and Welcome Activity – Corie Sass called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Our welcome activity was led by McKayla LaBorde. She asked everyone to go around and introduce themselves. Colored index cards were provided at each table. Everyone needs to take one. Two stars and a wish, write them down on this card. Draw a symbol for your wish. The stars designate two things that are going really well, the wish is something you wish was going differently. She encouraged all attendees to commiserate with someone they normally wouldn't pair with and discuss what is on their index card.

Some shared their cards with the group. McKayla thanked everyone for their frank comments and for their awesome participation.

2. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News – Family survey time – JoDell Phillips explained that SC's will be handing these out to families asking them to fill out these surveys. Last year we had 86.3% return rate. JoDell explained that ensuring your list is up to date and accurate with family names. Providers can help encourage families to return those surveys.

3. Approval of September 2019 Meeting Notes

First – JoDell

Second – Mary Jorgenson

4. The Parent Pocket – any cool family events happening in the area. ML encouraged all to use our SC newsletter that will point you to lots of activities in the area.

Sensory santa at Lower lights, no lines, Countryside Village

5. [Services Coordination Report](#) – Ann Kavanaugh went over the stats with the group

6. Early Learning Connection Update(s) Jennifer Haggart

ELC Omaha Region Updates

www.elcomaharegion.org

Early Learning Connection (ELC) Omaha Region is a partnership grant that works to provide a wide variety of professional development opportunities to educators working with children birth to age 8 in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties.

ELC Omaha Region Networking Meeting

Monday, December 2; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At this networking meeting, we will learn more about the Papillion LaVista Community Schools early childhood programs. Partner agencies will also provide updates about upcoming professional development opportunities and community events. Please RSVP by November 27 to Jennifer, jhaggart@esu3.org

Upcoming PD Events (registrations.elcomaharegion.org)

- Mondays, beginning November 18: [Teacher, Teacher, What Do You See?](#) (4 part series) – This training series, based on the NAEYC book Basics of Assessment, will help participants increase their understanding of why developmentally appropriate assessment is important, identify tools for assessing children's development & learning and determine how to use the information gathered.
- [Michael Brandwein](#) will be in Omaha December 5, 6 and 7!! Leadership ~ Trainers ~ Home Visitors/Services Coordinators ~ Coaches ~ Growing Great Qualities in Kids (ages 3-12) ... There's a little something for everyone!!
- Thursday, December 19: [Happiest Baby on the Block](#) – Providers will learn and practice tangible skills that will help babies sleep longer and how to soothe even the fussiest infant in minutes...or less! Class information includes The Missing 4th Trimester; The Calming Reflex; The 5 S's and The Cuddle Cure.
- Lisa Murphy, The Ooey Gooey Lady, is confirmed for Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25!! Friday's session, Sensory Play for Every Day, will be for those working with children age 3 to 8; Saturday, Ooey Gooey Experiences for Little Ones, is the 2020 Infant Toddler Symposium. Registration will be open no later than February 1.
- Motion was made to cover expense to support the Infant Toddler symposium. (Jennifer abstained from voting) Julie Johnson so moved, Angie Hanes seconded. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed same sign.

7. Assistive Technology Update(s) – Bryan Wojack – new with AT Partnership – information all on the website We host a PLD here at ESU #3, no specific qualifications – please always consider using AT at the district level. Our next one Meghan Walls has a big library at Fort Omaha MTCC – The PLC will be at the library to show what equipment is available. Dec 6 from 1 – 3:30 p.m.

JoDell encouraged all to use AT and list the ways to incorporate AT on your strategies and goals. If you decide to use AT at a later date – you can! Just let the SC know. “Update modification” can be noted – no meeting is necessary unless District resources are being committed.

Online resources – Julie Johnson – gave example of “outlet babies”, all sorts of equipment for all ages – they ship here – ESU3.org – Student Services – AT button – Information and websites available for you to click on – for use for your families.

In some cases when AT isn't maybe needed in the beginning – notate what is talked about throughout the time spent with the family. . . so AT can be added

8. Child Find Efforts – Angie Hanes provided items to Bennington library, cups and band aids, Librarian offered to provide updated lists of books that are better for modern use – as opposed to the books listed which were from the 70's, 80's etc.

ML shared that RV has been in training to represent/present to area agencies, CASA and Community baby shower in Blair

Allison Ramirez – Failed baby shower because of inclement weather – but they turned it into a positive event.

Julie J / Amber P – Downs Syndrome walk

Ann K – booth at Elm/mur and Louisville conferences – has had 3 referrals since the booth. Juli Beck and Ann K are presenting to Louisville school board in December

ML -reminded all about our Power point presentation that is available for anyone to use – just plug in your school logo etc. Very positive presentation that shows trends in past 5 years – and pre-school – showing gap – furthering the importance of early dev network – to identify children earlier.

JoDell – we just ordered 360 sippy cups –

Leslie Wilson – conferences – elementary and middle – feels that it was successful Took swag to K of K preschool – educated the teachers about what to look for – In home providers – are all great places to present – and share what we do. Bridge the gap/build that relationships.

RV – make a list of swag items

Amy – Blair – at conferences – did Sugarplum festival – carriage rides, set up a booth there for families November 21 – 5 – 7 p.m. downtown Blair

9. RBI Implementation Tips - Targeted Improvement Plan – ML – asked the group what is going well – the newest approach is “Getting Ready”. Any hiccups? Positive feedback. JoDell feels that one thing that was helpful reviewing implementation checklist prior to going out – protocols aren't user friendly so she retyped it before going to the meeting with the family and personalized it– which helped her when she was in front of the family. Amy shared the same idea.

Share [online forms](#) with the group – JoDell offered to do this. She really geeked it out so it made it very easy to use in the field – so she was certain not to miss anything when in the meeting with the family. Both protocols will be shared online

Jeanne Fielder – keep working on open ended questions – will definitely help when moving into Getting ready – make it specific – will really help you get things

ML – interested in RBI coaches – we are recruiting RBI coaches Amy McAllister, Teresa Andrews, Nicole Vogel. ML encouraged anyone interested to reach out to herself or JP

Kelly Sund – PreSchool needs to be not forgotten! Gold training taking it to the next level. Leslie Wilson attended and feels it gets deeper, 3 – 5 very helpful – made you think about how to collect data – change how you do it – so you aren't doing it last minute. Targeted earlier – so last two weeks you are doing is marking what level they are at currently, as opposed to last minute scrambling. She has been doing Gold for 8 years – and much has changed – so it is helpful for noting those changes. JH – two new folks at NDE are open to topic ideas Kayla Parr and Alyssa – always ask JH if she hears anything from the “trenches”. . . they are really trying to help everyone with their needs.

GOLD trainings available for the 2019-2020 school year
February 5th, 2020

Jack J. Huck Continuing Education Center/ SCC, in Lincoln, NE

Key to Responsive Planning

<https://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/Training/114901>

February 6th, 2020

ESU 2, Fremont, NE

Using Your Observations to Individualize Instruction

<https://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/Training/115202>

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Administrative Support: interpreting and Using GOLD Data

<https://ecrecords.education.ne.gov/Training/115205>

Judy Veik – when the child reaches three – at home – but then not eligible for next fall – you have to put them in the virtual classroom. That gap is “holding tank” under Gold it is about their DOB and is how the data is pulled. The child should be exited at or before their third birthday. The gold system is tracking their results from their third birthday until whenever they are done. Changes the funding.

RBI fidelity checks are due in February 2020 – for those who are already trained. . .
.RBI check scores need emailed to Robyn Vance.

10. New Business –

Statewide [Referrals and Verification](#) CONNECT – ML went thru the stats with the group. These types of stats help us to realize the importance of identifying early. Think about that when going out to visit with your families. Parent attendee commented about the positive outcome – trust has been built, entered school with a positive attitude and it really does matter!

From Ellen Bennett, Respite Care Associate with UNMC:

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#2 comes back to me

#3 and #4 go to the address listed on form (in Lincoln).

Testimonials were given from attendees who have utilized respite care – and SC's who have used this service and while all recognize how difficult it is to leave a child with someone –

Can choose a gma/gpa/aunt/uncle – anyone can be a respite care provider and get paid – and helps the family be at ease to go out to a movie or dinner without worrying. Or even take a nap and feel at ease that their child will be well cared for.

ML – asked all attendees to write down future trainings, speakers, that they would like to have for future PRT 3 meetings

11. Motion to Adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Julie first, JoDell second, Leigh Groth thirded.



January 31, 2020

1. Introductions and Welcome Activity – Corie Sass called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Corie presented an ice breaker, she walked around asking thought provoking questions of the individuals in the group. It was enjoyed by all.

2. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News – What topics and or guests would you like to have present at future PRT meetings? Please share your thoughts and your leadership team will help facilitate those for future PRT meetings. McKayla wants professional learning ideas. Encouraged table groups to discuss possible topics or speakers we would like for future meetings. After a few minutes, McKayla reconvened and recorded possible ideas from the group:

Difficult parents, different type situations that scenario how to handle a difference of opinion regarding the goals for the child. Diagnosis, how to broach with parents about observations.

Picky eaters

Sleep issues

B-5 ATP

Fine motor and strength, how to increase, work thru while increasing strength, Carrie Ebert (BPS)– is coming this fall to ESU via Jennifer Haggart, perhaps we can piggy-back on her being available to us?

Using mediators?

Overlapping service delivery and service gaps, geographic resource gaps,

Ideas/strategies to help with speech, what strategies are available for getting ready families, that the existing plan isn't working for.

Mental health awareness – for the providers/Services coordinator/for the parent who gets a diagnosis before their child is born.

Parents grieving & loss or infertility.

Plug for Feb 12 – childhood symposium, it will be broadcast! Registration is closed because it is full– if interested and not enrolled – contact McKayla. There will be a panel geared toward helping parents of special needs children.

Corie asked those who haven't been to a PRT meeting before – please stand and introduce yourself. Katie, UNL student, majoring in Child development, visitor of Julie

Johnson. Stacey Hauser, from ATP and Jessica Holder, new SC for Springfield and Plattsmouth.

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Second – Julie

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ELC Omaha Region Networking Meeting

Monday, February 3rd 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative, 3200 N 30th St, Omaha 68111

Please RSVP to Jennifer, jhaggart@esu3.org

Come check out the new location for Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative and hear about what's happening with NECC (beyond moving!). At this meeting, we will also learn more about Nebraska Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (NE MTSS) and how early childhood programs can be involved. Additionally, partner agencies will provide updates about upcoming professional development opportunities and community events.

[2020 2021 ELC Omaha Region Strategic Planning Retreat](#)

An opportunity to contribute to the development of the ELC Omaha Region Continuation Grant proposal by sharing ideas and participating in group decision making.

Upcoming Events

- [Autism in Early Childhood Workshop Series](#). Topics include: play, social skills, behavior and characteristics/red flags in young children.
- Lisa Murphy, The Ooey Gooey® Lady will be here in April! Friday, April 24, Sensory Play for Every Day (ages 3-8) and Saturday, April 25, 2020 Infant Toddler Symposium Ooey Gooey® Experiences for Little Ones (ages birth to 3)

7. Assistive Technology Update(s) – Stacey Hauser from ATP will present to the group all about herself and answer any questions from our group.

Stacey explained that Assistive Technology Partnership is located in Cozad NE and is available to everyone across the state of Nebraska. She shared her background. This statewide program, works with training, technical assistance, etc. Handouts were shared. They are in a big flux, they are now doing a capacity building mode – to provide greater assistance. ATP for all is in Cozad, lending library can be checked out. Can be shipped to your school or to ESU #3 free of charge. Purpose is to try out the technology for a certain child. A return mailing label is provided once you are finished with the item. Stacey is available for training, providing guidance on popular items. Is promoting her offer to come out and explore and share the apps they have available. These apps are not listed on lending library but you can check them out. Lots for Early childhood. If there is an app you are interested in, email Stacey and she will help facilitate the process. If it is one they don't have, they will investigate it and see if it is something they should purchase and make available – if it is affordable. They really want us to use their library. B – 3 isn't used a lot, but they do have lots of items available.

Provided a handout that can be used as a guide when completing an IFSP. Very helpful information

8. Child Find Efforts – Robyn is booked to present to the Nebraska Children's Home Society on June 18th at 6:15 p.m.

Angie Hanes – provided swag for events in November and December in Bennington

Julie – has someone to promote PRT thru her Facebook and Mom's group to share ? Is there something "canned", JoDell offered a presentation that can be used. Share what is EDN and child find efforts.

Ann Kavanaugh created a presentation that she would share.

McKayla shared that ESU #3 has "twitter ready" commercials that can be used by others. Stock photos that are used and there are several ready to use.

Daycare training – Allison Ramirez, DC west

Leslie Wilson – Handing out books at the library B – 5 and preschool kiddos too, that include information about EDN – PRT team is helping fund the books, there will be stickers on the books about EDN

Community screening in Louisville library – Ann K – flash the flyer for the training on the board for activities at the school,

Sederburg, Plattsmouth head start – 8 vendors were there, all swag items were taken.

Amy T blair is going to present to a child care center and have swag at PT Conferences

9. RBI Implementation Tips – Targeted Improvement Plan/Getting Ready

- Annual Part C Family survey- [Survey time](#) – the books are here. Karen Hoffman is working on getting the surveys out to us. Should be here mid to end of week. Surveys are due April 24th. Encourage parents to fill out the survey while you are in their home. Seal it in front of them. It really does count – the number of surveys we get returned. It is very important and helps us improve ourselves and the processes. We value their opinions. That is why this survey is so important. It helps us identify areas where we can improve our communication. We get graded on the outcomes from this survey.
- The survey packets include a [letter of explanation](#), a survey, and a stamped, return address envelope. The deadline for our receiving them in the Special Education Office is April 24th. See protocol [here](#)
- RBI Fidelity is due in February 14. Colleague will observe you during an RBI and complete the checklist. Have one of your fellow RBI friends, observe you, scan and send to Robyn Vance, She keeps a spreadsheet of scores. This is shared with Cole Johnson at the State. All of this is then documented.
- RBI coaches training in February? Does anyone know the details/plans? JoDell – opportunity to “beef up” our number of coaches – more were identified, Wendy, Nicole, Amy McAllister – we would need to get those coaches up to speed. Any one else interested? The benefits of being a coach – you get to meet people, helps you in your own personal approach, you can learn from others. It is a paying gig. \$50.00 per hour outside your contract work. It does help to be an RBI coach first – before Getting Ready
- How are things going with Getting Ready? What is working well? What is giving you trouble? Please discuss at your tables (5 – 10 minutes)
One person as spokesperson from each table – share with the large group what your table discussed.
- Things going well:
the evolvement of home visits, more structured. And how they are different. Before RBI – home visits were a struggle. Parent input is this new approach it seems.
Liked Getting Ready, makes visits more meaningful, expectations are clear, Helps connect the dots. Helps to see the big picture
Weeping Water – New to all of this, so they have planned an entire day to get the word out – they are going to do more community outreach in order to improve / increase the referrals

Still struggle with families on a whole, Linda S will continue to work on herself. Be kind to yourself because it is a process. Goes to one daycare and sees four children. They don't have the staffing to be present. The childcare center is receptive to do a debrief, but they don't have the time to sit through the whole meeting. Give that parent a carbon copy of what was discussed. How to handle if

the parents don't understand the model, or they may not have envisioned this model when they made the call.

- Making time for getting different providers together after planning region meetings, to help each other with strategies when there are difficult situations, difficult conversations to have with parents. Important to have someone you can talk things over with.
- Julie Johnson – putting all cheat sheets together for one family, DOB's, significant things going on, goals, gives you talking points. Take copy of IFSP – so be sure to get everything covered while you are at the visit.

10. New Business

- Ellen Bennet, Respite Care Associate could not be here today. She asked this revised [brochure](#) be shared with all.
- Please discuss: Do we want to use PRT funds for members to attend the ASD conference (which is slated for April 2nd and 3rd at Embassy Suites in LaVista NE.) McKayla has offered to pay for 1 – 2 people and we could fund registration costs, parents, if you are interested in going – The early bird registration ends today. Talk with your team to see if you want to go. It would be a reimbursement from PRT #3. If more than one or two per district have interest in attending, get with McKayla
- A couple PRT members shared that they have attended in the past, and told how beneficial it is to attend. If you can think of a parent who would benefit – we would pay for that parent to attend. Not too much B – 5 information, but they are trying to improve what they offer for this age group providers.

Per Becky Dunlap-Morton:

- The first Early Childhood Coaching Cadre meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The event will be held at ESU#3 in the Sarpy/Washington room. The purpose of the meeting is for coaches (or anyone working with adult learners) to: 1) Have the opportunity to network with other coaches, 2) Share information about their needs as coaches, and 3) Share ideas about coaching strategies. For those interested in attending, please RSVP to bmorton@esu3.org
- I've also attached a flyer of an upcoming coach training that some may be interested in. Here is a link to the registration form: [Coaching to Support Meaningful Parent – Professional Partnerships](#)

11. Motion to Adjourn Mary Jorgensen made a motion to adjourn at 9:58 a.m., Ann Kavanaugh seconded

Have a terrific February! See you at the next meeting! March 6, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.



March 6, 2020

1. Introductions - Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by McKayla LaBorde (in the absence of Corie Sass, President)

Speaker - "Resiliency and Your Emotions" with McKayla LaBorde
Click [HERE](#) to view slides!

Self-Care is so important – especially as the school year winds down. Lots going on and the importance of taking care of ourselves.

2. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News - We are still trying to secure someone from MMI to speak about eating and sleep disorders.

Thank you to the Early Childhood Symposium – Very well received and positive comments. Feedback was very good for all presenters. The February time frame was good too – helped with winter doldrums.

Pilot site for Early child hood – we are adding a person – Pyramid Implementation – We were given a grant to help develop information, NE dept of Ed and MTSS – widen and provide access to school districts, child care providers, provide coaching – this person is Kayla Parr – joining ESU#3 – Pyramid implementation facilitator – starts April 1

Addresses social emotional behaviors – 24 – 30 hours

Pyramid Informed trainings are still available thru J.Haggart's ELC

3. Approval of January 2020 Meeting Notes

First - Julie Johnson

Second - Mary Jorgensen

4. The Parent Pocket - Ellen Bennett, MS/Respite Care Associate for Munroe-Meyer has provided us with the following information: We assist family caregivers of those with special needs (across the lifespan) locate Respite providers. This allows the family

caregiver to take that brief break to recharge—perhaps go to their own appointments, go to the grocery store or even take a nap. The Respite providers have been annually screened – APS/CPS, Sex Offender Registry, Law Enforcement and upon initial application they are interviewed in person and an orientation conducted. We also call their references of course. We can visit with the family caregiver over the telephone or email/mail the Caregiver Referral Form to them. When they return that form to us we can generate a list of Respite providers that we email and mail to them. The family caregiver then contacts the respite providers, conducts an interview and hopefully has them to call for providing care.

Here is a link to the Respite Information for Nebraska – it has been changed slightly:
<https://respite.ne.gov>

I am attaching the following items to this email:

1. The updated program brochure
2. The Caregiver Referral Intake form (what the family caregiver fills out and returns to generate the list of Respite providers)

If there is no other respite funding, we can also guide family caregivers to possible respite funding sources such as the Lifespan Respite Subsidy (\$125 per month) as well as the other funding options listed below.

3. **Lifespan Respite Subsidy** application (if there is no other Respite funding available the family may apply) (if the family is approved it is worth up to \$125 per month to help pay for Respite) – it goes to the office in Lincoln – contact information is on the last page)(2020 Income Guidelines are attached).
4. **Lifespan Respite Subsidy Program Funding Request for Exceptional Circumstances, including Crisis Respite** application (if the family is approved for Lifespan Respite Subsidy or is applying they can apply for this as well – up to \$1,000 to help pay for respite – maybe additional respite each month; a camp or an outing)

#2 comes back to me

#3 and #4 go to the address listed on form (in Lincoln).

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Let me know how I can be of assistance in the future.

5. [Services Coordination Report](#) – Robyn Vance presented this data

6. Early Learning Connection [Update\(s\)](#) Jennifer Haggart, jhaggart@esu3.org
Early Learning Connection (ELC) Omaha Region (www.elcomaharegion.org) is a partnership grant that works to provide a wide variety of professional development

opportunities to educators working with children birth to age 8 in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties.

Grant continuation application is due April 1. Great ideas and information were gathered at the strategic planning retreats held March 2 that will be used to complete the application.

ELC Omaha Region Networking Meeting

Monday, April 6; 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ralston Baright Public Library, 5555 S 77th St, Ralston 68127

Please RSVP by April 1 to Jennifer, jhaggart@esu3.org

Upcoming Events

- [Week of the Young Child](#): Monday, April 13 thru Friday, April 17
- [Lisa Murphy, The Ooey Gooey® Lady will be here in April!](#) Friday, April 24, Sensory Play for Every Day (ages 3-8) and Saturday, April 25, 2020 Infant Toddler Symposium Ooey Gooey® Experiences for Little Ones (ages birth to 3)
- [Conscious Discipline](#): Saturday, June 13 ... More info coming soon!

7. Assistive Technology Update(s) - nothing to report

8. Child Find Efforts: Robyn hosted a table at Thrive Space in Waterloo on Saturday, February 29th. It was an event sponsored by Carnahan Pediatric Therapy and was an in-service for parents, caregivers or teachers working with children who may have Sensory Processing disorders, Autism, ADHA, Anxiety or gross motor or fine motor concerns.

April 24th is the Nurse Practitioner Vendor Day in Lincoln - Robyn will be sitting at the booth.

September 24th : Women's Methodist in Elkhorn

Springfield Platteview did conferences and they will be giving away books during the week of the young child.

9. RBI Implementation Tips - Targeted Improvement Plan:

Getting Ready Tips for Early Childhood Symposium...Please see Jeanne and Amy for information on the

Getting Ready: People working with individual coaches right now (both coaches and participants).

Another Getting Ready: June 2 in Fremont. June 3rd for coaches.

RBI Bootcamp: Oct. 6-7 state sponsored Bootcamp.

10. New Business - Upcoming events From Becky Dunlap-Morton, Early Learning Connection Coach Consultant:

Coach Booster: *Coaching to Support Meaningful Parent-Professional Partnerships* -

Dr. Lisa Knoche ([flyer attached](#)) April 1st - York, NE - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Early Childhood Coach Cadre April 14th - ESU #3 - 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Nebraska Early Childhood Coach Training April 15th-16th - ESU #7 - Columbus

Annual meeting discussion: Ideas for discussion? Is what we have presented in the last two years ok to continue? Are there other things you would like to discuss?

Please share! We need your input! One comment was that the small groups was favorable for delving into the data to help make it more meaningful.

SC's please be certain to invite one person from each of your districts. We need good representation!

11. Motion to Adjourn - Motion made by Wendy Kaiser and Jessica Holder seconded.

Meeting ended at 10:06 a.m.

See you at the annual meeting, May 15th, 8:30 - 11:30 in the Cass/Douglas room here at ESU #3, 6949 S 110th St LaVista NE 68128.

*****Remember - we need representation from every district! Thank you for your cooperation!**



May 15, 2020

1. Introductions and Welcome Activity
2. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News
 - a.
3. Approval of [March 2020](#) Meeting Notes
 - First -
 - Second -
4. Early Learning Connection Update(s) Jennifer Haggart
5. Annual Meeting Powerpoint
 - a. Year Round Services
 - b. Child Find Efforts: Nebraska Children's Home needs a speaker on June 18th at 6:15 p.m. so Robyn will present to that group!
 - c. TIP Analysis
6. New Business
 - a. New Co-Chair
7. Motion to Adjourn