

# NCELC Regional Meeting Agenda Date 9/23/24 Time: 12pm-2pm

**NCELC Regional Meeting Zoom Link** 

# Expand access.

#### **Introductions**

Welcome & Introduction of the NCELC

Irma Trejo introduced the newly Hired Family Voice Lead was introduced-Andrea Carillo Introductions of leadership team and the participants both in-person and via zoom.

Representatives from all four counties were present.

Interpretation was offered through the zoom app.

Attendees: Total 28

In-person: Stephanie Reynolds, Kathy Anderson, Andrea Carrillo, Holly Bringman, Catalina Guzman, Debbie Chapman, Hanna Bruning, Christina McClelland, Nancy Spurgeon, Janette Garza, Jan Dosh, Lupita Espinoza, Irma Trejo, Janelle

Bersch, Matt Paluch, Alice McMartin (16)

Virtual: Oralia Banuelos, Rebecca Montemayor, Katie Peet, Lysbeth Romero, Tina Steinmetz, Megan Girard, Kim Pope,

Roxanne Garzon, Maria Navarette, Cecilia Reyes, Emily Wilgus, Margarita Gonzalez (12)

#### **Review of Group Norms**

- ✓ On time and on topic ✓ Put effort toward remaining positive (5:1) ✓ Honor individual voice and team decisions
  - Be on time, prepared, and engaged.
  - Remain solution-focused.
  - Seek to understand differing points of view.
  - Express disagreement with ideas, not individuals.
  - Model compassion, optimism, and grit.
  - Reach decisions by consensus.
  - Gently remind each other of these norms.

#### **Purposes Statement and Game Changer**

- Purpose Statement The North Central Early Learning Coalition will partner and collaborate to
  - (i) expand program options and access,
  - (ii) invest in early learning educators and care providers, and
  - (iii) engage local communities,

to ensure that all children and families have equitable access to quality childcare and early learning options that meet their unique needs.

- Increase the number of affordable Early Learning programs in the region and overall childcare capacity;
- Develop and invest in the childcare and early learning workforce through professional development, certification, licensing, and wage adjustments to ensure family sustaining wages, professional benefits, and stable employment;
- Increase community awareness of programs and services to ensure all families have access to program
  options that meet their unique needs

Notes:

Highlights Information

#### **Grant County Updates:**

Matt Paluch gave the welcome to this collaborative event to:

- strengthen connections among community-based navigators and coordinators!
- Build partnerships in early childhood and healthcare systems.
- Collaborate to support children (prenatal to age 3) and their families.
- Identify key relationships and opportunities to enhance services.
- Promote early childhood development and family well-being.

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#### **Action items:**

#### • Presenter: Grant County Department of Health

- o Early Childhood Development Health Systems (ECDHS) Grant- Community Mapping
- Alice and Janette gave a summary of the pilot work they are doing to support families and children birth to three to increase access to services and resources.
- Grant County Kick Off.pdf

#### Notes:

- Community Mapping-Resources
- Small groups were created for in-person and whole-group with the attendees via zoom to brainstorm resources in the following categories: Basic Needs/Food, Child Development/Pregnancy & Birth, Health, Mental & Behavioral Health/ Parents & Caregivers.
- As a whole group, we went over community mapping- ideas on closing the gaps between resources: Questions being answered:
  - What community services are needed but are not available (gaps)?
  - What populations are not being adequately served by your system/agency?
  - What services are underutilized? (underutilization may be due to agency location, transportation issues, fee for services, waiting lists, language barriers, lock of awareness etc,
  - What can we do to build capacity for a more coordinated and comprehensive system of care and support/how can we continue these lines of communication and collaboration?
  - How can we maintain effective partnership?
  - How can we engage underutilized services to support our clients.
    - a gap is communicating all these resources to parents who don't already have knowledge or access to resources
    - resources are more in some counties than other- how do we know if resources are only in that county or can cross over
    - 211- great connection to all resources
    - Needing more resources for Okanogan County
    - Needing more resources for prenatal care, for parents
  - Understanding what each agency can full help with- gaps in knowledge of the full resources and what they can do/offer
  - Work on how to better share resources to families

 Next Steps: Cross reference the lists created of resources with the current ParentHelp123 resources as well as any feedback we receive from parents at our parent event.

## Q & A, Announcements, Links, and Resources

- <u>Vroom</u>
- When attending the ABCD Program, they will learn how to be proactive and advocate for their children's health. Lupita Espinoza can be contacted directly at 509-423-3934 or at 509-886-6442.
   ABCD State Video ABCD Program ABCD Referral English ABCD Referral Spanish Tri-Fold Spanish Tri-Fold English

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### **Next Meeting**

November 18<sup>th</sup> Virtual – 2pm-3pm & Evening 5:30pm-6:30pm NCELC Regional Meeting Zoom Link

Tentative Topic: Advocacy Update