



## Nebraska Early Development Network

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*"The mission of Routines-Based Early Intervention in Nebraska is to promote the growth and development of toddlers with disabilities, ages birth to three years, by helping families build upon activities they do everyday to meet their own needs and support their child's learning"*

### 22-23 Meeting Minutes and Agendas Planning Region Team #3-Rural Omaha

**District Members:** Arlington, Bennington, Blair, Conestoga, DC West, Elmwood-Murdock, Ft. Calhoun, Gretna, Louisville, Plattsmouth, Ralston, Springfield Platteview, Weeping Water

September 16th, 2022

January 20th, 2023

November 18th, 2022

March 17th, 2023

May 12th, 2023- ANNUAL MEETING

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**May 12, 2023 - ZOOM LINK:**<https://zoom.us/j/99736426771> Meeting ID: 997 3642 6771

1. Introductions: The meeting was called to order by McKayla LaBorde at 8:32 am.
  - a. Welcome parents. We are so glad you are here! Please make sure to touch base with Taylor Caniglia at [tcaniglia@esu3.org](mailto:tcaniglia@esu3.org) (if you haven't), or meet with her at the back of the room to check into the meeting so you can be paid for your time.
2. Presentation with Jenn Smith-Miller, Executive Director, PTI Nebraska
  - a. Presentation Recording - [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes:
  - a. First- Jess Andersen
  - b. Second- Stacy Gutz
4. PRT Leadership Team: There is a meeting in this room today immediately after this meeting!
5. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News:
6. Child Find Events: We will go over this in the slide deck coming up!

7. Program Updates: (In the interest of time, we invite you to quietly read these updates to yourself so we can spend some time on data review)
- a. Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP): Stacey Hauser –
    - i. [Please take a moment to respond to this survey!](#)
    - ii. [May 2023 Newsletter](#)
  - b. Autism Network (ASD): Teri McGill
    - i. The Autism website always has an updated training calendar: [HERE](#)
  - c. **Get to know the ESU #3 Early Childhood Team - [HERE](#)**
  - d. Early Learning Connection- Jennifer Haggart & April Carter
    - i. ELC PD Omaha Region works collaboratively within the counties of Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington to ensure a wide variety of early childhood professional development activities are planned and implemented in response to the needs of those who work with children birth through age eight in center, home, preschool, and out of school time programs. For more information, visit [www.elcomaharegion.org](http://www.elcomaharegion.org)
    - ii. [2023 2024 Calendar of Events](#) Grant continuation application has been submitted!
    - iii. [Limited-Time Free Training announcement from DHHS and NDE](#)
  - e. Early Learning Connection- Coach Consultant: Becky Dunlap-Morton [bmorton@esu3.org](mailto:bmorton@esu3.org)
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    - ii. Upcoming opportunities for Early Childhood Coaches: [Early Childhood Coach Symposium](#)
  - f. Early Childhood MTSS- Kristina Norwood
    - i. The Early Childhood MTSS Pyramid Facilitator supports district early childhood programs to implement the Pyramid Model through a systems approach.
    - ii. [Pyramid Model System Summer Workshops](#)
  - g. Early Childhood Professional Development - Kayla Parr
    - i. The purpose of the ESU #3 Early Childhood PD Specialist is to provide support to the administrators, classroom teachers, and paraprofessionals within the district preschool setting through professional development and job-embedded learning opportunities.
    - ii. [Preschool New Teacher Institute](#)
    - iii. [Preschool Paraprofessional Boot Camp](#)

- iv. [Pyramid Model Classroom Practices](#)
- h. RBEI Technical Assistance Rep: Jeanne Fielder
  - i. some of the trainings provided by the state: [CLICK HERE](#)
- i. Lifespan Respite Provider Applications: Ellen Bennett ([edbennett@unmc.edu](mailto:edbennett@unmc.edu)) if interested in becoming a Network Screened Respite Provider
  - i. They are still in need of screened respite providers. Apply on the website if interested
  - ii. If you are at 300% of the poverty limit, so welcome all to apply! Encourage them to apply to the Exceptional Circumstance as well.
  - iii. This is a LIFESPAN program, so you can encourage families to apply for any family member they are caring for
  - iv. [LINK HERE](#)
  - v. Committee is always looking for new members to join, parents included, please reach out to Ellen Bennett to join!
- 8. New Business:
  - a. Appointing next PRT Co-chair. Seat is held for the next two school years.
    - i. Gabby Catterson, SC
  - b. From the State:
    - i. EDN Behavior Wheels: The state has ordered more of these to be distributed to PRTs. We have plenty. Feel free to ask Taylor if you would like some!
    - ii. Last year EDN Services Coordinators and Supervisors trained in *Getting Ready* were invited to participate in a study with Dr. Miriam Kuhn from the University of Nebraska Omaha and Dr. Johanna Higgins, Independent Consultant. This study was designed and conducted to better understand and provide guidance regarding (1) how the *Getting Ready* framework supports Nebraska Services Coordinators in fulfilling their identified roles and responsibilities in Early Intervention, (2) barriers to using the *Getting Ready* framework for home visits experienced by trained SCs, and (3) the frequency and purpose of Services Coordinator-EI Provider co-visits as a part of service delivery. The results of this study are now posed on the EDN website at <https://edn.ne.gov/cms/rda-research-studies>.
  - c. Fill out this survey! Please provide your feedback about your experience with your state coach and Getting Ready Fidelity. [LINK HERE](#)
  - d. B-3 Assessment Practices: McKayla
    - i. Ralston - DP4 and/or Brigance
    - ii. Bellevue - DAYC
    - iii. Westside - Brigance
    - iv. Elkhorn - DAYC
    - v. OPS - DAYC & DP4, Head Start - Brigance
    - vi. PLCS - DP4
    - vii. **DP4 is from 2020 and has a Spanish version**

- e. Circle of Security – Kate Addison
  - i. PRT 3 sponsored 3 cohorts– 1 in person, and 2 via zoom. In all, 14 caregivers completed the full 8 weeks, and 8 received/will receive the stipend. AND NEW::: All participants in the parenting groups receive a refrigerator magnet with the full circle graphic at the end of the 8 weeks. This was a good turn-out. 16 would have been capacity.
  - ii. OUTSIDE of PRT 3 funds (but still relevant), Kate will be partnering with sixpence in Blair to offer an in-person parenting group in the fall using their grant funds. She is also partnering with MTSS to offer an in person COS–C group to Blair early childhood, funded through the NeAEYC grant funds. (They will also be funding an in-person COSC group for Westside.) Both of the COSC groups will be in the early fall, on site in those districts.
  - iii. Participant Surveys: [LINK](#)
- f. GOLD Overview Training: August 18th, 9:30am–11:30am. Kayla Parr is providing this training at Anchor Pointe Elementary in Bennington
  - i. If anyone is interested in attending, feel free to join!
- g. RBI Bootcamp– If you have any team members that need to attend, please reach out to Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org) or Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org)
  - i. Administrators and team members– If you know you will be hiring any new staff that will participate in RBIs, save these dates! Ideally, your new staff would attend the Sept. RBI Bootcamp.
  - ii. RBI DATES:
    - 1. 9/25/2023 – 9/26/2023 in person
- h. PRT – Save the date: 2023–2024 [LINK](#)
- i. Please notify your services coordinator, Ann Kavanaugh or Jenna Jones of any new staff names and email addresses.
- j. **New** B–3 providers and any related service provider that has B–3 on their caseload. [LINK](#)
  - i. Orientation for B–3
  - ii. Overview for Rule 52
  - iii. Getting Ready Overview– what do I do on a home visit?
  - iv. Lunch will be provided.
- k. SAVE THE DATE– required June 6th IFSP Training!!!! THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PRT #3 B–3 STAFF: [Register HERE](#)
  - i. If you cannot make it to the June 6th training, please notify Jenna Jones as soon as possible at [jjones@esu.org](mailto:jjones@esu.org)
  - ii. If you need PRT funding to attend this training, we will pay for your attendance! Email Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org).

9. Child Find Events: You can always ask if you need SWAG.

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a. Blair:

i. Goodie Bags to Blair Baby Expo

b. Ralston:

i. EDN tables set up at kindergarten roundup

10. ANNUAL MEETING SLIDE DECK - McKayla - [LINK](#)

11. Motion to Adjourn- Motion made by Ann Kavanaugh, and Libby Stiles seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

### **March 17, 2023**

2. Introductions: The meeting was called to order by McKayla LaBorde at 8:32 am.

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12. Today: Presentation with Jenn Smith-Miller, Executive Director, PTI Nebraska

a. Presentation Recording - [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#)

b. Presentation slides will be linked

13. BREAK

14. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

a. First- JoDell Phillips

b. Second-Gabby Catterson

15. We have a link to Ali Sweitzer's presentation from the last meeting. The recording is linked in these meeting notes. You can always go back and look at these notes. If you want access to these notes, feel free to ask Jenna Jones or Taylor Caniglia for a link. You can email us at any time for these!

16. PRT Leadership Team: There is a meeting in this room today immediately after this meeting!

a. We have a couple of guidelines for those that would like to be considered for the leadership team. We would ask that you:

i. Have met RBI and GR fidelity, if you serve ages birth-3.

ii. Provide McKayla with a letter/email from your supervisor recommending you as an addition to the leadership team.

iii. If you are interested in being a part of the PRT #3 leadership team, contact Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org)

17. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News:

- a. Looking ahead- Our Annual PRT Meeting is scheduled for May 12th. We need a representative from every district at this meeting, so please plan ahead with your team :)
  - i. Please note that this next meeting will be in a different room! It will still be at ESU #3, but will be held in the Cottonwood room, which is upstairs. When you get here that day, feel free to check in at the front desk for directions to the Cottonwood Room.
  - ii. At this meeting, we will nominate our next PRT co-chairs. We currently have one volunteer that is interested. If anyone else is interested in being a PRT co-chair next year, let Jenna, Teresa, or McKayla know.
    1. At the annual meeting, we nominate and vote on our next co-chairs. Feel free to offer nominations at the annual meeting as well!
  - iii. We will create a zoom link for this meeting to offer to everyone. We are confident that this will allow participation from EVERY DISTRICT!
- b. Last meeting: We recorded Ali Sweitzer's presentation from the last meeting about Addressing Challenging Behaviors. [LINK HERE](#)
- c. Anything else?

18. [Services Coordination Report](#)- CJ Harding

19. Child Find Events: You can always ask if you need SWAG.

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- a. Blair:
  - i. QR Code Developmental Checklist for preschool siblings at P/T Conferences
  - ii. Stay-N-Play Activity for preschool siblings during WOYC
  - iii. Early Intervention Team presentation with High School Child Development Class
  - iv. Classroom of the Week for Early Childhood Program/Referral Information in Blair newspaper
  - v. We will also be celebrating WOYC with our preschool program by having a "kick-off" picnic in the park and books for B-3 families. Preschool has additional special activities planned during the week.
- b. Bennington
  - i. Library visits
- c. EDN Yard Signs are available for check out
  - i. They were put up outside preschool registration and conferences
- d. EDN eggs will be donated to CRCC's egg hunt!
- e. Community Connections is always working together to find events and bring in new swag to aid with ChildFind. Feel free to share any and ALL ideas!

20. Program Updates:

- a. Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP): Stacey Hauser -
  - i. Most recent ATP Newsletter: [LINK](#)



- b. Autism Network (ASD): Teri McGill
  - i. The Autism website always has an updated training calendar: [HERE](#)
- c. CRCC- We have handouts at the back table if you would like more information. We also have Martha from CRCC here today. Does she want to add anything?
  - i. CRCC will have Art Therapy Summer Sessions 4 sessions for \$150 for middle and high school ages. DBT THERapy
  - ii. If you have little ones interested, contact CRCC for one on one opportunities.
- d. Early Learning Connection- PD Omaha Region: Jennifer Haggart/April Carter
 

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  - i. [2022 2023 ELC PD Omaha Region Year At-a-Glance](#)
  - ii. [Limited-Time Free Training](#) announcement (It's going to be a busy 2023 2024 grant year!)
  - iii. [2023 Infant Toddler Symposium: Brains in Bloom!](#) will be held on Saturday, April 29 focusing on brain development in the early years. April shared at MICC the need for child find materials as well as Cara's Kit (toddler) and copying of resources for participants.
    - 1. Kate Addison will offer a presentation about EDN services, and will will have EDN swag to offer participants!
  - iv. [Registration website](#) (lots of other sessions open for registration!)
  - v. Jennifer had surgery March 16 and will be working a modified remote schedule for about 3-4 weeks. Please email Stephanie, [spink@esu3.org](mailto:spink@esu3.org), during this time and she will assist you or direct you to someone who can.
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-State wide coaching for equity, new materials and information, if you are interested in this, there is a new Module that is available online as well as zoom meetings. [Link here](#)

- f. Pyramid Model: Kristina Norwood is our Early Childhood MTSS Facilitator!
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  - v. Committee is always looking for new members to join, parents included, reach out to Ellen Bennett to join!

## 21. New Business:

- a. From the State: Free Lead Testing Kits Available:  
<https://www.1011now.com/2023/03/14/free-lead-testing-kits-available-nebraska-schools-childcare-facilities/>
- b. Compliance reminder: Please be aware that co-visits are discouraged by NDE, for a variety of reasons. Please be sure that co-visits are the exception vs. the norm and that families are receiving the full amount of service minutes listed on the IFSP/IEP.
- c. Fill out this survey! Please provide your feedback about your experience with your state coach and Getting Ready Fidelity. [LINK HERE](#)
- d. Getting Ready- Deadline for everything to be COMPLETED (visit and checklist) is April 15th!
  - i. Everyone should be doing everything on Torsh! (If you have paper copies, scan those to Taylor Caniglia or put them in Torsh!)
  - ii. All coaches should share their completed checklists with Ann Kavanaugh on Torsh
  - iii. You have the right to request that your GR video coaching session is recorded. If you have any questions about your initial coaching session, please feel free to request that your next session be recorded and also ask that your initial video be shared with the leadership team. If you plan to do this, please reach out to Ann Kavanaugh !



- e. RBI Fidelity: Everyone who does RBI's is required to complete a fidelity check! Find a friend and send your implementation checklist to [tcaniglia@esu3.org](mailto:tcaniglia@esu3.org) or Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org). Deadline to have the RBI checklist completed is also April 3rd.
  - i. What do we mean by find a friend? Find anyone in your district or within PRT #3 that has previously passed RBI fidelity. They can come to your RBI, and either act as secondary and fill out the checklist at the same time as they are taking notes, or they can tag along to an RBI where you already have someone else acting as a secondary interviewer and grade you. If you have any questions, reach out to Ann Kavanaugh !
- f. All materials needed for RBI and Getting Ready are available on TORSH. If you need any assistance with TORSH or have any questions, contact Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org). Thank you to everyone that has already had videos and checklists completed!
- g. RESOURCE SHARE: Challenging Conversations
  - i. Login to Torsh- Community Tab- Forums
  - ii. Opportunities for child care providers as well! Email Kate Addison
- h. ESU Early Childhood Symposium- SAVE THE DATE!
  - i. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024
- i. RBI Bootcamp- If you have any team members that need to attend, please reach out to Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org) or Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org)
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    - 1. 9/25/2023 - 9/26/2023 in person
    - 2. Zoom option- March 27, 28, 29 2024
- j. PRT - Save the date: 2023-2024 [LINK](#)
- k. Please notify your services coordinator, Ann Kavanaugh or Jenna Jones of any new staff names and email addresses.
- l. All staff members that have B-3 on their caseloads. New B-3 providers and any related service provider that has B-3 on their caseload. [LINK](#)
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- m. SAVE THE DATE- required June 6th IFSP Training!!!! THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PRT #3 B-3 STAFF: [Register HERE](#)
- n. Early Intervention T-Shirts: If you ordered one, you can come get it from Jenna Jones right after the meeting or from your Services Coordinator at a later date.

22. Motion to Adjourn- Motion made by JoDell Phillips, and Julie Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52am am.

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23. Today: Presentation with Ali Sweitzer- [RECORDING OF PRESENTATION HERE](#)
  - a. Q&A w/ Ali
  - b. Balance: A Parent-Professional Approach to Emerging Problem Behaviors
    - i. Balance Training Flyer: [HERE](#)
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  - a. Momaha- one more story left for may!
  - b. Blair:
    - i. EDN goodie bags to Blair WIC Clinic
    - ii. Update EDN flyers in community- Blair Hospital, YMCA, Little Blossoms Childcare & Preschool, Blair Library, Blair Preschool, 3 local churches

- iii. Meet & Greet- New family physician at Blair Hospital
- c. Gretna:
  - i. Preschool screenings
  - ii. Post cards
- d. Bennington:
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#### [2022 2023 ELC PD Omaha Region Year At-a-Glance](#)

**We need your input!** [ELC PD 2023 2024 Grant Planning Sessions](#) are Tuesday, March 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Each PRT in the Omaha region is asked to send at least one person. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas!

#### Upcoming opportunities of interest:

- i. [What If We Taught the Way Children Learn?](#) Series begins Thursday, January 26 (registration closes TOMORROW!)
- ii. [How Great Team Leaders Coach & Develop Great Supportive Relationships While Maximizing & Motivating Excellent Team Performance](#) with Michael Brandwein - Tuesday, February 7
- iii. [Educating Our Littlest Learners](#) series begins Tuesday, February 21. This is a great series to share with community child care programs and providers.
- iv. [Autism in Early Childhood: Activities and Supports for Different Learners](#) - Saturday, March 4. Another great option for community child care programs and providers. (partnership with Metro Region ASD)

- v. [Growing As a Leader Using the Enneagram](#) with Jones Loflin – Wednesday, March 15
- vi. **Save the date!** The 2023 Infant Toddler Symposium on Saturday, April 29 will focus on brain development in the early years. We will be reaching out to PRT to purchase materials for support (Child Find).
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Upcoming opportunities for Early Childhood Coaches:

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### 30. New Business:

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  - i. Getting Ready Approach Frequently Asked Questions: [LINK HERE](#)
  - ii. Routines–Based Early Intervention with Diverse Families: [LINK HERE](#)
  - iii. Teaching Strategies GOLD: Upcoming Sessions– For any questions, email the TS Gold Helpdesk at [tsgold@nebraskacloud.org](mailto:tsgold@nebraskacloud.org)
    - 1. **Introduction to GOLD for Administrators**– During this virtual session, participants will examine the importance of ongoing formative assessment and reflect on their own and/or staff current teaching and assessment practices. Participants will practice using a

variety of tools to gather information about your early childhood program. By leveraging the progressions of development and learning, participants will strengthen their ability to support early childhood staff to make accurate assessment decisions. **When:** February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-12 pm. [\*\*Register Here BY FEB 6, 2023!\*\*](#)

2. **Introduction to GOLD for Home Visitors/Early Intervention**

**Providers-** During this virtual session, participants will examine the importance of ongoing formative assessment and reflect on their current teaching and assessment practices. Participants will practice using a variety of tools to gather authentic information about children's knowledge, skills, and abilities. By leveraging the progressions of development and learning, participants will strengthen their ability to make accurate assessment decisions.

**When:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12 pm. [\*\*Register Here BY FEB 6, 2023!\*\*](#)

3. **Introduction to GOLD for Teachers** During this virtual session, participants will examine the importance of ongoing formative assessment and reflect on their current teaching and assessment practices. Participants will practice using a variety of tools to gather authentic information about children's knowledge, skills, and abilities. By leveraging the progressions of development and learning, participants will strengthen their ability to make accurate assessment decisions. **When:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12 pm. [\*\*Register Here BY FEB 6 2023\*\*](#)

b. Getting Ready

- i. If you attended Getting Ready training in September **for the first time**, you are working with a State Level coach and should be working on your 2nd video submission.
  - ii. If you attended Getting Ready Training as a **refresher** in September, an internal coach will be or has reached out to you. Videos **must be recorded and uploaded on TORSH to submit to your coach**. The final due date for you to have your video into your internal coach is April 3rd.
- c. RBI Fidelity: Everyone who does RBI's is required to complete a fidelity check. Find a friend and send your implementation checklist to [tcaniglia@esu3.org](mailto:tcaniglia@esu3.org) or Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org). Deadline to have the RBI checklist completed is also April 3rd.
- d. All materials needed for RBI and Getting Ready for available on Torsh. If you need any assistance with Torsh or have any questions, contact Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org). Thank you to everyone that has already had videos and checklists completed!
- e. RESOURCE SHARE: SCREEN TIME

- i. Login to Torsh- Community Tab- Forums
  - f. Circle of Security - Kate Addison
    - i. There are zoom opportunities in the future!
    - ii. Contact Kate Addison if you are interested in having a Circle of Security Parenting course in your district or have any general questions!
  - g. ESU Early Childhood Symposium- SAVE THE DATE!
    - i. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2024
  - h. RBI Bootcamp- If you have any team members that need to attend another session, please reach out to Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org).
    - i. PRT #3 will pay for you to attend at an out of town location! (this would include mileage, hotel, etc.)
    - ii. RBI DATES:
      - 1. 9/25/2023 - 9/26/2023 in person
      - 2. Zoom option- March 27, 28, 29th
      - 3. ZOOM - January 15, 16, 17, 2023- done
  - i. Prizes from last time: These are raffle winners from our Nov. meeting. You won a spot at the ASD Conference! Check in with McKayla and Taylor at the end of the meeting to talk about this! :)
    - i. Zoom
    - ii. March 30th and 31st, 2023 in Kearney
    - iii. Winner #1- Mandy DiMauro
    - iv. Winner #2- Meredith Hubbard
31. Motion to Adjourn- Motion made by Jess Andersen, and Libby Stiles seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at – am.

## November 18th, 2022

32. Introductions: The meeting was called to order by McKayla LaBorde at 8:30 am.
- a. Welcome new staff!!!
  - b. Welcome parents. We are so glad you are here! Invite parents to come to PRT!  
[FLYER](#)
33. Approval of previous meeting minutes:
- a. First- JoDell Phillips
  - b. Second-Libby Stiles
34. Today: Once we finish with our PRT 3 business, we are asking that all PROVIDERS (SLP, ECSE, OT, PT) stay for a quick learning session with Teresa Andrews.
- a. PRT Leadership Team: There is a meeting in this room today at 11:00 am! If you are interested in being a part of the PRT #3 leadership team, contact Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org)
35. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News:



36. [Services Coordination Report](#) - Ann

37. Child Find Events: You can always ask if you need SWAG. We are still working on postcards!

- a. DC West Post cards are set to be sent out in the next few weeks!
  - i. Set to be sent out to about 3,000 households
- b. Presentation about EDN at the Cass County Interagency Networking Group w/ Ann Kavanaugh, Jess Andersen and Jenna Jones
- c. Bennington had an EDN booth at conferences
- d. Gretna sent more postcards to another neighborhood
- e. Baseballween at Werner Park- handed out QR codes with pinwheels
- f. Ralston did the Fall Family Festival
- g. Blair- Baby Expo at the hospital
- h. Blair- QR codes were sent out at preschool family night
- i. Momaha- Gretna family was highlighted this month :)

38. Program Updates:

- a. Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP): Stacey Hauser - Update [HERE](#)
  - i. Importance of Play- [HERE](#)
- b. Autism Network (ASD): Teri McGill
  - i. The Autism website always has an updated training calendar: [HERE](#)
- c. Early Learning Connection- PD Omaha Region: Jennifer Haggart/April Carter  
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#### Upcoming PD opportunities of interest:

- [\(Unselfish\) Self Care Saturday](#) - Saturday, December 3
- **Save the date!** The *2023 Infant Toddler Symposium* on Saturday, April 29 will focus on brain development in the early years.

[Registration website](#) (lots of other sessions open for registration!)

- d. Early Learning Connection- Coach Consultant: Becky Dunlap-Morton  
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centers, family child care homes, and Head Start programs. For more information, please visit [Early Childhood Coaching Website](#) or the [Coach Development Network](#)

**Upcoming opportunities for Early Childhood Coaches:**

[Inclusive Communities ACTION workshop](#)

[Coaching to Success©](#)

- e. Pyramid Model: Kristina Norwood is our new Early Childhood MTSS Facilitator!
- f. Early Childhood Professional Development: Kayla Parr
- g. RBEI Technical Assistance Rep: Jeanne Fielder
  - i. some of the trainings provided by the state: [CLICK HERE](#)
- h. Sixpence Home Visiting: Alicia Eastwood [alicia.eastwood@blairschools.org](mailto:alicia.eastwood@blairschools.org)
- i. Lifespan Respite Provider Applications: Contact Ellen Bennett ([edbennett@unmc.edu](mailto:edbennett@unmc.edu)) if interested in becoming a Network Screened Respite Provider
  - i. They are still in need of screened respite providers. Apply on the website if interested
  - ii. If you are at 300% of the poverty limit, so welcome all to apply! Encourage them to apply to the Exceptional Circumstance as well.
  - iii. This is a LIFESPAN program, so you can encourage families to apply for any family member they are caring for
  - iv. LINK [HERE](#)

**39. New Business:**

- a. Statewide Referrals vs Verifications [LINK](#)
- b. Family Survey results:
  - i. Return Rates: [LINK](#)
  - ii. PRT 3 Results: [LINK](#)
- c. TORSH
  - i. Here is the Torsh Orientation Link: [LINK](#)
  - ii. Recording options: [Website](#) and app
  - iii. On your TORSH accounts, you can click on the button labeled "Resources" and find:
    - 1. The Powerpoint from Janice's zoom meeting
    - 2. An overview of TORSH
    - 3. The consent form you will need to have signed to get family permission to upload and view videos is in Torsh
    - 4. How to download from Torsh: Login, click on Resources, hover over what you want to download and move your mouse on the gear icon on the top right of the icon. A drop down menu will appear and you will click on *Download Original File*.
      - a. We are working on this with Torsh!!
  - iv. We plan to continue to expand the resources available on TORSH so it can be a one stop shop! =)

d. Getting Ready- Follow Up

- i. Family friendly explanation of Getting Ready - it's on Torsh
- ii. Celebrations and Challenges!
  1. What's going well? What's challenging? (Break into job-alike groups: SLP, ECSE, SCs, Other (OT,PT, directors,etc).)
  2. Share:
    - a. What's Going Well:
      - i. Blair- Payton takes a GR agenda to intakes to introduce the GR process from the start
      - ii. Google Drive and include a quick list of goals for each kiddo and bring it to the families to have on hand as well
      - iii. Gretna(Julie)- One page of procedural safeguards at intake and reviewing at first HV
      - iv. Bennington offers binders to families to keep their ppwk including IFSP, MDT, HV notes, resources, etc.
      - v. State coaches have been helpful and flexible if you're communicating with them
      - vi. Most of the families are willing participants in the change to GR
      - vii. SLPs are practicing with multiple families
      - viii. RBI really complements the GR process
    - b. What's Challenging:
      - i. Scheduling
      - ii. Parents have opted out
      - iii. This is a whole new way of thinking about home visits which has been challenging because change is hard
      - iv. Co-visits make it hard!
      - v. SLPS- Let's try it is a little challenging and different
      - vi. First video due was a fast deadline
      - vii. Finding the balance of "being the expert" vs getting parent input and participation
      - viii. Wish they did GR before RBI
      - ix. There was a big gap between GR and RBI
      - x. Really hard to implement at childcare (the same idea applies to family goals when all visits are at childcare)
      - xi. Changes in staff
      - xii. GR feels very scripted, which can make it harder to be personal
      - xiii. Not all families are very involved
      - xiv. Let's try it can be difficult

- xv. Families with multiple children in services. How to do a GR visit with siblings- logistics
- e. RESOURCE SHARE: Challenging Behaviors
  - i. We will be moving our resource folder to the forum page on TORSH!
  - ii. Login to Torsh-Click on Community- Scroll down to All Forums
- f. Circle of Security - Kate Addison
  - i. There are zoom opportunities in the future!
  - ii. For the next session, dinner is provided every night (Starting Monday, 11/21 in person at ESU #3), and each family will receive a \$100 stipend at the end if they participate in the 8 week course (Sessions are once a week)
  - iii. Contact Kate Addison if you are interested in having a Circle of Security Parenting course in your district or have any general questions!
- g. RBI Bootcamp- If you have any team members that need to attend another session, please reach out to Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org).
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  - ii. RBI DATES:
    - 1. 9/25/2023 - 9/26/2023 in person
    - 2. ZOOM - January 15, 16, 17, 2023
- h. NEXT MEETING: Ali Sweitzer will be presenting at our next PRT meeting about Challenging Behaviors!
  - i. What are your questions? ([Mentimeter](#))



- ii.
- iii. Jan. 20th @ 8:30. This will be a hybrid meeting, and we will offer a zoom link and an in person option for attendance. This would be a GREAT opportunity for parents!
- iv. SCREEN TIME will be the next
- i. Providers stick around for a learning session with Teresa Andrews !!
- j. RAFFLE AND PRIZES
  - i. RAFFLE: If you are interested in participating in the ASD Conference, please get a raffle ticket from Taylor. We will be sending two lucky winners to the ASD Conference completely paid for by PRT #3!!!!
  - ii. March 30th and 31st
  - iii. Winner #1- Mandy DiMauro

- iv. Winner #2- Meredith Hubbard
- v. Runner Up- Crystal Smith
- vi. PRIZES- Thank you to those that read the whole PRT newsletter and posted a resource about Challenging Behaviors in Torsh!!!

40. Motion to Adjourn- Motion made by Julie Johnson, and JoDell Phillips seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

## September 16th, 2022

1. Introductions: The meeting was called to order by McKayla LaBorde at 8:30 am.
  - a. McKayla - Introduction
  - b. [Dates for the year](#) - this has the corrected dates!!
  - c. District Introductions
2. Public Comments/Announcements/Agency News:
  - a. Welcome new staff and parents!
    - i. Invite parents to come to PRT! [FLYER](#)
  - b. We have a website! The website has links to everything, including the agenda. All members of PRT #3 have access to this agenda. Notes, resources, and events will be posted on this agenda, and you can access them at any time! [HERE](#)
    - i. You can always email Taylor Caniglia if you have any questions.
3. Leadership Team
  - a. Members of Team- [LINK](#)
  - b. Contact McKayla LaBorde if you are interested in joining the leadership team.
4. Approval of previous Meeting Notes
  - a. First- JoDell Phillips
  - b. Second- Jess Andersen
5. [Services Coordination Report](#) - Ann
6. Child Find Events: You can always ask if you need SWAG. We are still working on postcards!
  - a. Upcoming events: CRCC Trunk or Treat - [HERE](#)
  - b. The Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk - 9/25
  - c. Gretna:
    - i. Goodie Bags for Noor Academy - Julie Johnson & Wendy Kaiser
  - d. Springfield:
    - i. New Elementary Tour - 9/29
    - ii. Springfield Days
    - iii. Back to school night
  - e. ELC PD
    - i. Educating Our Littlest Learners 9/10 - distributed EDN materials

- ii. Supporting Infant Toddler Development Online PD 9/26 that includes EDN information
- f. Blair-
  - i. Memorial Community Hospital's Inspire publication- EI services for Blair, Arlington, Ft. Calhoun and referral information
  - ii. Gateway to the West Days- EDN swag at Three Rivers Car Seat Check
  - iii. EDN bookmarks with referral QR code at Preschool Open House, Blair MOPS organization, PTO Back to School Picnic
  - iv. EDN info sheet with QR code distributed to K-2 Elementary Buildings
  - v. EDN Program Board in Early Childhood Department
  - vi. EDN Referral Blast with preschool families using Bloomz Communication App

## 7. Program Updates:

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  - Welcome, April Carter, new ELC PD Assistant Coordinator!
  - Welcome, Stephanie Pink, new ELC Administrative Support Staff!
  - [2022 2023 ELC PD Omaha Region Year At-a-Glance](#)

### PD opportunities of interest:

- [Sing & Sign for Young Children Series](#) - begins September 21
- Michael Brandwein will be here October 11 and 12
  - [Terrific Team Leadership to Bring Out the Best in Staff](#)
  - [Growing Great Qualities in Kids](#)
  - [Training Techniques that Engage Participants & Maximize Learning](#)
- [Learning in Nature](#) - Saturday, October 15
- 2022 Early Literacy Conference: [All Books Are Not Created Equal](#) - Saturday, October 22
- Save the date! The 2023 Infant Toddler Symposium on Saturday, April 29 will focus on brain development in the early years.
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- [Family Engagement Conference](#) - held virtually on Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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  - ii. Here is an electronic link to the [NE Early Childhood Coaching Guidebook: Competencies for Professional Practice](#) Please let me know if you are interested in a spiral bound copy.
  - iii. **Upcoming opportunities for Early Childhood Coaches:**
    1. [Moving Classrooms from Chaos to Calm: Using Conscious Discipline® to support our most challenging children](#)  
November 3rd, 2022 (in person)  
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
UNL Extension Office - 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE  
This event is designed for Early Childhood Coaches and others working with Adult Learners. Click [HERE](#) to register for the event.
    2. Coach Booster Training – *Domain 5: Coaching for Equity* - More details coming soon!!
- e. Pyramid Model: New staff member coming soon!
- f. Early Childhood Professional Development: Kayla Parr
- i. ESU #3 one of 6 ESUs that received this grant
- g. RBEI Technical Assistance Rep: Jeanne Fielder
- i. some of the trainings provided by the state: [CLICK HERE](#)
- h. Sixpence Home Visiting: Alicia Eastwood [alicia.eastwood@blairschools.org](mailto:alicia.eastwood@blairschools.org)
- i. Lifespan Respite Provider Applications: Contact Ellen Bennett ([edbennett@unmc.edu](mailto:edbennett@unmc.edu)) if interested in becoming a Network Screened Respite Provider
- I just wanted to remind everyone of the requirement for ALL Respite Providers to become Network Screened – that means they need to (1) complete an application and return to me; (2) complete the Background Check at DHHS expense and (3) complete an approximately 2-hour self-paced Online Orientation. I also sent the following items for your convenience:
    - Updated Lifespan Respite Subsidy application (3/2022)
    - 2022 Income Guidelines
    - Updated Individual Respite Provider application (6/2022) English
    - Updated Individual Respite Provider application (6/2022) Spanish
      - [HERE](#)

## 8. New Business:

- a. The EDN Co-Leads are pleased to announce that an updated EDN logo is now available at the following link: <https://edn.ne.gov/cms/edn-logo-branding>
  - i. You will find all of the new official logo options and file types at this link along with additional EDN branding guidance. The Co-Leads ask that you start using the updated logo moving forward on all child find materials, brochures, EDN communications, etc. You **do not** need to get rid of materials with the old logo. We just ask that you use those items first and then move forward by using the updated logo.
- b. Parent Training
  - i. Ideas:
    1. PTI- Grief cycle of having a child with a disability
      - a. PRT is interested in this presentation
    2. Circle of Security- Kate Addison (there is a provider course as well)
      - a. Feel free to send this opportunity to your parents, and notify Kate Addison if you locate any interested parents
      - b. [LINK TO FLYER](#)
      - c. 8 weeks, meet once a week
      - d. This can be offered as an online course depending on the feedback Kate gets
    3. Picky Eating
    4. Challenging Behaviors
      - a. Practical approaches for parents of children with autism
- c. Getting Ready- Follow Up
  - i. Small Group Discussion:
    1. What would deepen your learning/understanding of the material from the training?
    2. How can we (PRT #3) help you succeed?
    3. Troubleshooting- coaches answer any questions you may have
  - ii. Current Getting Ready Internal Coaches: one at each table to facilitate discussion/understand needs
  - iii. We will announce details about fidelity
  - iv. Are you interested in being a Getting Ready Coach next year? Give your name and email to Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org) or Ann Kavanaugh at [akavanaugh@esu3.org](mailto:akavanaugh@esu3.org) and someone will reach out to you this summer (2023) with training information!
- d. EDN in Momaha Magazine - Taylor
  - i. PRT #3 renewed another year
  - ii. We need help! Approach your SC, McKayla, or Taylor if you would like to contribute!

- e. Potty Training-Bring your favorite resource on potty training to share with the group!
    - i. [Resource Sharing Folder](#)
    - ii. You can upload items to the folder linked above, or send your document to Jenna Jones at [jjones@esu3.org](mailto:jjones@esu3.org) or Taylor Caniglia at [tcaniglia@esu3.org](mailto:tcaniglia@esu3.org) and we will gladly upload it for you!
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    - i. [LINKED FLYER](#)
    - ii. Email Ann Kavanaugh if you would prefer a link!
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