

Elkhorn Public School – Planning Region #25

PLANNING MEETING

March 12, 2024 at 12:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

In Attendance Tracie Burton (EPS - Early Childhood Coordinator), Amber Chong (EPS - Service Coordinator), Christie Dean (EPS - Early Childhood), Kirsten Demmel (EPS Early Intervention PT), Renee Fish (EPS - Early Intervention), Ashley Fritz (EPS - Admin Assistant), Ganga Ghimire (Parent), Karley Joiner (EPS - Services Coordinator), Beth Johnston (EPS - Service Coordinator), Jessica LaViness (EPS - Service Coordinator), Brenna Neuhaus (Parent), Tara Pugliese (EPS - Early Intervention SLP)

- Welcome: This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted on the wall of TTCC.
- Introductions
- Presentations: no presentations this month
- Budget: Grant Year 2023-2024 -the grant was approved
 - a. By-Laws- [Planning Region Team #25 Operational Procedures](#)
- Update Regarding Referrals - (February 1, 2024 - February 29th, 2024)
 - a. A Chong reported that during 2/1/2024 - 2/29/2024 there were 14 referrals
 - i. Of the 14 referrals: 5 were referred by health care provider; 5 by parent; 3 by Child Find activity; 3 other; 1 by other
 - ii. Of the 14 referrals: 3 were age 2-3; 7 were age 1-2; 4 were under a year

- iii. Of the 14 referrals: 11 are in process; 2 were withdrawn by parent; 1 was unable to locate family

- Program Updates

- a. **Early Learning Connection (ELC) PD Omaha Region: Jennifer Haggart**

- 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
 - ii. Check out the updated Calendar of Events! [Here](#)
 - iii. Follow us on [Facebook](#)!
 - iv. Save the Date! 2024 Infant Toddler Symposium They're Not Just Babies on Saturday, April 6

- b. **Early Learning Connection Coach Consultant: Becky Dunlap-Morton**

- i. Early Learning Connection Coach Consultants cultivate the development and growth of coaches who work with early childhood educators and families so that each child has equitable access to quality care and education. Coaches include those working in state and community initiatives serving families, early childhood centers, family child care homes, and Head Start programs. For more information, please visit the [Early Childhood Coaching Website](#) or the [Coach Development Network](#) websites.
 - ii. EC Coach training with Dr. Ferial Pearson – all EC Coaches (community and school-based) working with Educators are welcome
 - iii. [Microaggressions Awareness Program](#) with Dr. Ferial Pearson on February 23; March 22nd follow-up

- iv. Domain 3 Facilitating Learning Through Coaching Strategies
- v. Domain 4 Training: Assessing Success of the Partnership- SAVE THE DATE: March 4th, 14 th or 18 th -Watch for registration soon!
- vi. Coach Booster: Coaching to Success©- March 18 th

c. 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. Introduction to the TPOT -TPITOS training will be held in late February; TPOT in May 2024

d. Early Childhood PD Specialist: 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.

e. Elkhorn Foundation

- i. None to report

f. Imagination Station: Lisa Meyer

- i. Family Involvement: Ideas for family nights in the community to create opportunities for families in the program to connect.
- ii. Weekly Play groups are starting for families that are in our program. The first date is scheduled for Friday, March 29th.

● **Parent/Family training will be monthly starting in February**

- i. The Importance of Sleep, Dr. Alyson Hanish, UNMC, PhD, RN
 - 1. The importance of a sleep routine and how to establish good sleep habits held Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6-7pm over Zoom

- a. We had 6 in attendance and then we sent recordings to 6 families.
 - ii. Language Development in the Young Child
 - 1. Tuesday, March 26th, 6-7pm @ TTCC *free child care with RSVP
 - 2. [Language Development in the Young Child flier](#)
 - a. K Demmel asks for clarification on how parent and family training information is being sent out
 - i. T Burton clarifies Services Coordinators are sending out information and Primary Service Providers should follow-up
- Community Provider Collaboration
 - a. Responding to the Unique Needs of Infants and Toddlers, June 8 and June 22nd in-person at TTCC, and June 13th via Zoom
 - b. Supporting Infant Toddler Development: Harnessing the Power of Books, February 27th, March 5th, and March 12th, 2024 at the Foundation Building
- Current Child Find Activities
 - a. Our PRT provided financial support with other local PRTs to provide books to Project Harmony. These books will be given to young children that come to their program. It will also contain EDN information.
 - b. Bess Johnson Library-Child Find Collaboration
 - i. J Laviness notes there will likely be a new library built near 204th and Q streets, lending us an additional Child Find opportunity in the future
 - c. Purchased child find materials with the EDN logo to promote our services-these have arrived, we have also ordered brochures from the EDN website
 - i. B Neuhaus mentions she saw and liked the follow-up EDN content provided in the elementary newsletters after the parent/teacher conferences

- Program Delivery/Staff Development
 - a. Three Main Goals:
 - i. Routines Based Interview (RBI)
 - ii. Child & Family Outcomes-ongoing goal; met state and district targets
 - iii. Home Visiting (Getting Ready) Internal coach/coaches trained this week, March 13th and March 14th

- Support for Services
 - a. The Brain Game, March 8, 2024, The effects of neglect and trauma on the young developing brain (The Buffett Early Childhood Institute)
 - i. We received lots of positive feedback from this interactive professional development.
 - 1. General discussion commences regarding the content of the Brain Game PD
 - b. Services Coordinators are attending the Nebraska ASD Network State Conference, April 4th & 5th.
 - c. Services Coordinators are registered and will attend the Nebraska Young Child Institute on June 25th and June 26th in Kearney.

- Transition from Part C Services (Birth to age 3)
 - a. Rostering has been completed and IEP meetings are being scheduled.

- The PRT Meeting Schedule for the 2023-2024 school year is posted on the Elkhorn Public Schools website. Next meeting will be the annual PRT #25 meeting, April 16, 2024 at TTCC #3
 - a. A Chong motions to adjourn; K Joiner seconds; meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm

