

United Way of Franklin County ECP Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-19-2017

Time: 11am

Location: United Way Office
182 South Second Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201

In Attendance: See attached sheet with attendee info

Staff: Cheri Kearney, Vanessa Bigler

Action Item	Discussion/Notes	Action	Who
	Meeting Topic: "Winds of Change". Introducing Annette Searfoss and Jennifer Hawbecker in their new roles in Early Intervention		
Speaker Introductions	<p><u>Annette Searfoss, Executive Director of Head Start</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annette, who has worked in early childhood for 30 years, introduced herself by sharing how post birth complications with her granddaughter truly were a testament to having local services benefit someone in her life - Asked the group about the opportunity for childcare providers to collaborate and proposed that professional development is a good opportunity to work together - <i>Jenn Hawbecker later identified if not for United Way stepping in once LEARN dissolved, we wouldn't have the network.</i> <p><u>Jenn Hawbecker, Early Intervention Program Specialist (Franklin County MH/ID/EI Program)</u></p> <p>Jenn started at Franklin County Head Start and also worked with adults at the literacy council.</p> <p>Her goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Helping to support and collaborate services within Franklin County ➤ Spreading the wealth and knowledge throughout the county of services for children and families <p><u>Jenn's new role with Franklin County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her office oversees early intervention services in Franklin/Fulton County, and although many are eligible, not many receive services ➤ Early intervention is defined as birth to three years old, any youth, 25% delay in one or more areas ➤ Services offered are physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy, with special intervention and social work 		

<p><u>Responses:</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Her role includes overseeing the Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The council meets quarterly, but is moving to every other month ➤ July 13th is the next meeting (9:30-11:00am, 185 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg) ➤ The council is mandated for early intervention ➤ Ages discussed range from birth to eight years old <p><u>Annette Searfoss</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking through numbers, there is a strong need throughout the community. Less than 20 percent who reach poverty guidelines are actually being served (<i>source: Reach and risk from Keys Report</i>) - She asked the group present; “How can Head Start work with all of agencies in Franklin County to try to reach all the children in need?” - “What can we do beyond what is already being done?” “How can we support one another when servicing children in need?” <p>Open discussion followed with the following ideas:</p> <p><i>Kim Lucas- Child & Adolescent Service Systems Coordinator, Franklin County</i> Kim works directly with children who have mental health and behavioral needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In her position, she meets with all who are involved with a child in need (0-21 years old if special needs) to ensure a consistent plan is followed ➤ Most of referrals are from schools directly and not from outside agencies ➤ Best outcomes are produced if the child is identified at a younger age ➤ All agencies need to be aware of how her services could aid children and providers ➤ After the age of 3, there may be a drop off in services (due to lack of programs, follow up, program guidelines, etc) ➤ In conjunction with Johanna Cordell from PerformCare, Kim offers a presentation called “Accessing Mental Health Services” (which is one hour in duration and can be presented at any agency) 		
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	<p><i>Jenn Hawbecker</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identified a conversation with a foster parent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ They reached out to her personally when a pediatrician requested a referral for Early Intervention and it was not followed up on. The foster parent never received any notification for their child. This incident speaks to the need for families to know whom to contact if a service referral is not completed ➤ Anyone can refer themselves or their child, it does <u>not</u> have to come from a provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent permission is required (which can present challenges depending on the situation) - Screening can be done to eliminate concern if needed - Children’s behaviors can be the most challenging- in a Head Start survey of teachers and parents, 49 percent stated this was their biggest challenge 		
Upcoming Events:	<p>Keystone Stars recently revised their Keystone Stars Requirements, Cathy Burkett is our contact</p> <p>There is a community meeting on July 6th, at 6pm in the Franklin County Extension office where new changes will be discussed</p>		
Questions Moving Forward:	<p>How do we get families to accept help and services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Caitlin Madden- (Pathstone) they have workshops designed to help teachers learn techniques when approaching families ➤ Marty Dombrowski-(Special Kids Network) their website has free resources on this subject <p>Meeting ended at 12:15pm</p>		
Minutes respectfully submitted by: Vanessa Bigler Administrative Assistant	<p>Next ECP Meeting and Topic: Monday, September 18th at 11am here at the United Way Office Topic: “Inroads to Autism” No Meetings in July or August</p>	<p>United Way of Franklin County 182 South Second Street Chambersburg PA 17201</p>	

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