

**Community Education Coalition (CEC)
Early Childhood Education Coalition Meeting**

October 7, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce

The meeting was called to order with the following in attendance: Amy Hicks Eric Michael Melanie Cook Dale Penwell Jamie Keller Robin Harmon

Robin will add Lynn Newman, Department Chair of Education at Wilson College to the distribution list for this group.

Based on feedback from the providers, the group has decided to hold an Early Childhood Expo on April 22. This is the first day of the Week of the Young Child. This event would have components geared toward both families and providers. The time would be approximately 9am – 1pm. The group brainstormed ideas:

Expected Attendance

- Providers/Educators – 30
- Families – 150 - 200

Venue

- Wilson College (Eric will check on availability)
- Chambersburg Rec Center
- Other University Space?

Vendors (would charge a fee to ensure attendance and cover costs)

- Wilson College
- Shippensburg University
- Penn State
- Commonwealth of PA/Keystone Stars
- Early Learning Investment Commission
- CCIS
- SNAP/Food Bank
- Nurse Family Partnership
- WIN
- YMCA
- Lakeshore (furniture vendor)
- Onsite testing (Audiologists, speech, learning, etc.)
 - Lions – Vision Screening?
 - LIU – Hearing Screening
- Keystone
- Pediatricians
- Dentists
- Behavior Specialists
 - Performcare
 - Laurel Life
- Food Vendor

- Giant
- Fuddruckers
- Fire (Safety Truck)
- Police (Car Seat Check, Fingerprinting)
- Military (Climbing Wall)
- School District, especially Early Childhood Programs
- Head Start
- Healthy Franklin County/HCP/POP
- Voila! The Children's Activity Center
- The Foundry (provide activity)
- Council for the Arts
- Capitol Theatre
- Chambersburg Community Theatre
- Seeing Eye Dogs
- Library System
- Local Children's Authors
- Guest Readers for Children's Books (Politicians)
- CVSM – Musical Petting Zoo?
- Rec Department
- Josh the Otter
- Summer Camps
- Red Cross (Swimming/Safety)
- Drew Michael Taylor Foundation
- Sweet Grace
- House of Grace
- BOPIC
- CHAC
- Giant
- FCCTC (version of 5th grade road show)
- Boys & Girls Club
- Network Ministries
- Services for children with incarcerated parents
- Legal Services – wills
- Larry Camp/Bike Club
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Activities

Face Painting

Balloons/Balloon Animal

Play Space

Career Awareness (CEC Employability?, Manitowoc legos, career questions, Summit Health?)

Need Registration Table, Programs

Shalom Christian Academy High School students are required to do community service and this could be a good opportunity for them to help.

Have providers offer educational activities for the kids and their siblings

Sponsors will be needed.

Other Topics

The group would like to keep working on awareness that businesses can contribute EITC funds to sponsor seats in early childhood education. United Way is on the list this year.

Meetings

CEC Early Childhood Meetings – The next scheduled meeting is November 4 at 8am. Some have asked to change the meeting time. Robin will send out a poll to the committee.

Expo Planning Meetings - a separate meeting will be held to work on plans for the Expo. They will be the 2nd Friday of each month. The time will be announced, but may be around 9:30 a.m. The first meeting will be November 11.

Amy distributed a list of meetings for the Early Childhood Partnership Program. This is geared for the providers, but this group is welcome also. These meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month (except December) at the United Way building.