

Community Education Coalition  
Pre-K Committee Meeting Notes  
November 4, 2016

**Follow up: PA State Activities and Info**

(Review from Sept. meeting) *New legislation took effect November 1<sup>st</sup> which changes requirements for childcare providers that receive subsidies for their services. Greatest impact is that more certification, training and inspections are required for childcare providers. The impact is most felt by currently non-licensed providers who take care of children for friends or family and receive a stipend for doing so.*

Marci Place, Childcare Information Services (CCIS) is the local connection between providers and the State of PA resources for reimbursement, certification and training. Local providers connect through Marci to learn about the process as well as to receive payment for their services. Marci provided information to the CEC- Early Learning Committee this morning.

*How childcare/pre-K providers are impacted by new legislation.*

The greatest impact is the currently non-licensed provider. These tend to be friends of family or relatives of the children in their care. These are also providers that tend to offer “non-typical” hours of care. (important for operations with multiple shifts).

As a result, providers are moving toward certification with the state, choosing not to provide childcare, or continuing to provide care but losing the income provided by the state to do so. At this point about 6 families/10 children are in transition because of closures and difficulty finding a new placement. Many providers are working through the process to stay in compliance. Bottlenecks exist because of the number of providers, statewide, working into the new requirements.

*How is CCIS working with providers?*

CCIS provides information about requirements and a list of resources toward meeting those requirements.

The most difficult pieces of acquiring certification are

1. Occupancy permits and building inspections
2. Access to trainings.

*How can we support their work as a community?*

1. Providing easier access to trainings online for families that don't have computer access at home.
2. Helping to connect additional trainings into our community and if possible offering them at places where children can be engaged in a safe/supervised activity so the providers can access the training.
3. Scholarship funds for providers or potential providers.

**Action**

*The committee decided to dedicate the next meeting (December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8am- Chamber of Commerce) to planning for sessions and other resources to support people who may be considering either opening a childcare center or becoming a childcare provider.*

**Other activities:**

*An **Early Childhood Expo planning** meeting will be held on **November 11<sup>th</sup>** at **United Way of Franklin County at 10am**. Future planning meetings are scheduled for the second Friday of each month until the event. This is a project collaborating between the Early Childhood Partnership and the Community Education Coalition.*

*Other future topics:*

*Kindergarten Snapshot- How is the current Kindergarten class performing and what were their challenges entering the classroom for the first time? How can community support families as they prepare for school age children?*

*Headstart Overview- How families can access and how community can help support the program.*

*Early Intervention Overview*

**4. Next Meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8am, Heritage Center Conference Room**