

Mason County Early Learning Coalition & Interagency Coordinating Committee

Minutes for Thursday October 2, 2014

- Welcome and Introductions (name and agency)
 - Holly Porter- Capitol Region ESD 113 Head Start/ECEAP
 - Heidi Larson- Timberland Regional Library
 - Tami Stoutnar- Director, Shelton School District
 - Dan Teuteberg – WSU Co-op Extension
 - Kim Smith- Parent to Parent
 - Lydia Buchheit- Mason County Public Health
 - Skylar Carroll- Director, Hood Canal School District
 - Eunice Santiago – Counselor MCPHD
 - Jenny Blumenstein- Sound Learning
 - Annie Cubberly – Child Care Action Council
 - Susan Herrick- Public Health
 - Sara Mead- Parent to Parent
 - Diane Crabtree- Gifts for Special Children
 - Jennifer Williamson- Foster- South Sound Reading Foundation

- Proposal from Jenny Blumenstein and Eunice Santiago
 - Parent Education Workshops
 - Offer 2 workshops per month
 - One in the morning
 - One in the evening
 - Funding could cover the cost of the facilitator and other staff needs since volunteers can't do it all
 - Childcare would be offered
 - Locations would be safe and known to the community already
 - What would the parenting education look like?
 - Affordable
 - Flexible
 - Not a lot of reading
 - Love, Talk, Play (could this be incorporated?-Lydia)
 - Parents as Teachers? (Eunice)
 - Needs to be evidenced based and built on sustainability (Annie)
 - Location
 - Some classes could be held at CHOICE (Jenny)
 - Possible use of church where Head Start is located (Holly)
 - Who should attend
 - Community members
 - Those already in another program

- Budget
 - Unknown at this time
 - May need to begin program in a limited way
- READY Grant (Jennifer Williamson-Foster)
 - National Reading Foundation
 - Curriculum and facilitator for 2 years
 - Age of focus is 3-5 year olds
- Holly brought up that Love, Talk, Play money needs to be spent by the end of November
 - Dan reminded everyone that the \$500 has to be “spent” by the end of November but the training doesn’t need to be held by then
 - Jenny discussed committing to planning and offering one class
 - CONSENSUS- to go ahead with this plan
- Visions for Early Learning
 - Holly gave an overview
 - Advancing Racial Equity class (free, register through my ESD)
 - October 10th
 - Paid for partly by the Nisqually 2% grant
 - Opportunities for deeper work later on
 - We’re part of the West Central Regional Coalition
 - Collaboration for early childhood and early learning
 - WaKIDS
 - Bridging early learning and Kindergarten transition
 - Home to K
 - Daycare to K
 - Preschool to K
 - Shelton School District is part of WaKIDS (Tami)
 - Opportunity available for \$500.00 for WaKIDS projects, quick turn-around
 - VEL wants ideas of what communities want to do
 - Could receive up to \$2000 grant to accomplish duties county wide
 - Goals and objectives are complicated for the VEL plan (Dan)
 - The group reviewed “gaps in services”. Some fit into more than one category
 - Collective impact (Lydia)
 - County Commissioners
 - School Boards
 - Activities need to be available in the evenings (Eunice)
 - Groups need to be brought together to understand needs (standards, etc.) – extend opportunities (Jenny)

- Communicate and collaborate for more effectiveness (Dan)
 - Community could share same message – get consistent (Lydia)
 - Events- examples of past events: Casper Baby Pants, Blockfest, Week of the Young Child (Holly)
 - Remember ... we can support the events rather than host them all (Lydia)
 - Parent engagement nights do occur could tie them together (Skylar)
 - Training for non-licensed child care providers- how to play with children, call 911, etc. (Holly, Eunice)
 - Providing money for Blockfest could help address the math issue (Annie)
 - Need to get other agencies to step up (Jenny)
 - Could focus on one event per year (Jennifer)
- Key ideas
 - On-going training for non-licensed child care providers
 - Parent engagement with Latino families
 - El Dia de Ninos
 - Enhance school district activities
 - Outreach advocacy with stakeholders (legislators, businesses, school boards)
 - Family engagement
 - Looking for linkages in other counties
 - Send more ideas for consideration...
- Treasurer’s Report
 - \$9638.95
 - \$500 needs to be spent for Love, Talk, Play
- ELAC Report
 - 10/13 meeting at ESD
 - Plan of work for the 2015 Legislative Session
 - Advancing Racial Equity
 - Family
 - Public Relations
 - DEL
 - DEL needs to define what “support” means