PIECE/Interagency Coordination Council
Agenda
Wednesday, March 08, 2023 @ 1:00
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PIECE/ICC Committee Meeting

- Welcome – Parents from PAT – Lanell
  - Lanell introduced 3 parents from PAT who were able to join us on Zoom.

- Agency Reports – (Program Changes, Staffing Changes/Vacancies, #children enrolled, # on waitlist)
  - PAT SE Saline currently has 22 families (28 children) enrolled.
  - DCF –
    - Emergency Water Assistance Program/LIEAP applications have a deadline of March 31st
    - Shared new flyer
  - Heartland
    - Preschool is working on kindergarten transition skills
    - TA meetings seem to be helping with staff morale
  - SCCA
    - No current openings. Will be at 123 for enrollment
    - Hired a behavior specialist
    - They are working on getting more involved in wrap around meetings, IEPs, & ISFP
  - Child Care Licensing:
    - Gave an update from the hearing on SB 282
      - If you would like to share your opinion, please reach out to your state senators.
        - Senator John Doll john.doll@senate.ks.gov was one of the voices advocating for quality.
  - Child Care Aware of Kansas:
    - Early education initiative
      - spring assessments all scheduled
    - Links2Quality (L2Q) – working on getting new links, new learning communities
      - In this area: (Robin Brooks) 1st Tues of every month
      - Shared services – must be a part of the learning committee
    - Nurse Consultant (Erica) – works in the northern half of Kansas with child care providers. Working with providers seeking accreditation. Teaching 1st aid/CPR in the area.
  - ITSN
    - Shared an update on the KDEC conference. This is the first year there have been scholarships and KDHE approved hours for child care providers. There was a great turnout.

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        - Scholarships are available through KCCTO for child care providers that would like to attend the upcoming KAIMH conference.
    - KSAEYC
        - Meeting tomorrow at the Saline County Health Department at 6:30pm. Will be discussing WOYC, provider appreciation, etc.
    - Salina Public Schools – KDG roundup; KDG transitions (Heartland children will be able to visit their school); media campaign (what is early learning?)
    - Diane Cusick (Heartland) – applications for 23-24 school year(3-5 yr. olds); waitlist for child care; openings for home-based, waitlist for PAT (lower caseloads); May 3 – big truck night; In house art walk (Apr 27th).

- General meetings will start in May
    - We will not meet in April
- Committee Reports –
    - The group reviewed and worked on the new MOU.
        - Parents attending are not expected to sign the MOU
            - Consider creating something for attending parents and non-active members.

- New Facilitator and Secretary (Minute taker) for July
    - Voting will occur in our May meeting

- Facebook page discussion
    - Lindsey will be working on getting that up and going

Community Events:

- Week of the Young Child – Review
    - Table at the Health Department throughout the week for their clients
    - Activity with Kids Korner will be discussed tomorrow at the Salina Chapter of KSAEYC meeting.

Upcoming Events:

- NEKLS Kansas Early Literacy Symposium – April 14 – Topeka
- KS Parents As Teachers Assn. 2023 Conference – Salina – April 17-18
- KAIMH Conference 2023 – April 27-28 – Wichita
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Attachments:

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- Minutes from 2-8-23
- USD 305 Kindergarten Roundup

Next Meetings:

~~**Childcare Workforce Development** – Tuesday, March 14, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m. (Donna Vanier Center)~~
PIECE/ICC – Wednesday, May 08, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. (Donna Vanier Center)