

PIECE MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 13th 2024

Time: 1:00 pm

Meeting called to order by: Lindsey Rojas

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS

Michelle Reichart (1-800 Children)

- 1-800 Children is a judgement free service for parents, guardians, providers, and more. She gave guidance on what all support/assistance they offer.
- This can be utilized as a parent hotline to help connect with other resources as well and they do offer a follow-up check in call as well for quality assurance.
- 1-800 children also have the capability to send out ASQs for parents/guardians to fill out in English & Spanish.
- 1-800 also have a website and app that they keep up to date with the latest information and resources available for early education and youth as well. The app and website are easily accessible to use and navigate.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 1-800 Children is also available to set up a booth for an event if given at least a month in advance notice.

Krista Linenberger – (USD 305 & Family Engagements and Partnerships)

- She spoke about Kindergarten Readiness and they are going back to the First Strokes learning curve.
- She also brought in a KANSAS Family Engagement & Partnership Standards for Early Childhood packet for PIECE members to look through. She asked if any members of the PIECE group would like to fill out their info of resources they offer in this community to do so and give to her.
- She is working on bringing awareness to the community of what services are available and offered in Saline County. She asked that any resources would be emailed to Pat.

REPORTS

DCF

- DCF Hotline is available at any time and is also considered a CRISIS hotline.

Salina Are United Way

- ECEFG closed in February, and they are awaiting decisions and on funding.
- If families would like, they are able to file taxes for free by March 28.

CKMH

- 60th Anniversary is this year. Open House event coming soon. (TBD)

NEW BUSINESS

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD (April 8-12)

- Lindsey will be working on sending out daily flyers as well as weekly flyer for social media posts and businesses to post as well.
- Work Together Wednesday & Artsy Thursday are still awaiting final details.
- Family Friday will still be hosted onsite at SCCA / CAPS / ICD parking lot. SCCA will also have an open house available for touring purposes as well. CAPS will have a bouncy house or two set up, CKMH will have a POP Corn Machine set up, SCHD will have a Cornhole game, DCF may set up a Duck game, ICD may set up a Petting Zoo with 4-H, USD 305(PAT) may help run a game.
 - Family Friday will run from 6-7pm. PIECE members will run carnival games/booths and are allowed to bring resources available to pass out during this event. SCCA will be working on getting food donations of pizza from Tony's or food from SYSCO or EVCO. Lindsey is working on getting bottled water from Sonic donated.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on May 8th at 1:00 pm.