



The Northwest Collaborative for Families and Young Children

A Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)
CT Birth to Three System

In partnership with
Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC)
Child Growth & Development Workgroup Meeting
January 21, 2016

Location: Brooker Memorial, 157 Litchfield St.

In Attendance: Rebecca Parilla – Child First, Ruthann Horvay Winchester FRC, Jessica Arthur - Family Strides, Patti Palermo – Prenatal-5 Education Connection Head Start, Jan Lyon – Brooker Memorial, Anne Giordano- EDUCATION CONNECTION; Sara Satalino, TPS; Melissa Kremmel, CTFSN; Felicia Lewis, CMHA; Abigail Phelps, CMHA; Patti Harris, TPS; Lisa Candels; EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families; Martha McDonald, Project Interact Inc.; Donna Labbe, TECC/TPS

B-3 Updates: Family fee and impact to parents were discussed. New Annual Report is online.

TECC Update: Kindergarten Readiness Fair March 5th (March 12th snow date), TECC Steering Meeting to discuss sustainability (Grant is completed June 30, 2016), Office of Early Childhood asked for a Regional Meeting to share the OEC Plan with the parents/providers, service agencies etc . . .

LICC –Laura Knapp, Community Care Coordinator, Special Kids Support Center, Connecticut Children's Medical Center would like to offer a local focus group to gather information on the impact of the Affordable Care Act on families and services. Feb 18th 9:00-12:00 is a tentative date – Dr. Parilla will check to see availability in her building and Donna will check on City Hall.

Parent Workshops: Potty Training, Tech Goes Home and Effects of Screen Time with attachment and violence themes were discussed as an April training. Transition for May and Sensory Integration

EDUCATION CONNECTION Nurturing Families

Monthly goal of 135 monthly home visits, full capacity (45). Can take up to 50 – need Winsted families

CHILD FIRST Full Capacity/Full Staff (Wait List). Funded until Sept, 2016. Mother's Day Event is in the works. Looking for gently worn Spring/Summer woman's clothing. Event will be Friday, May 6th.

COMMUNITY SHARING:

- **Community Mental Health Associates** Abigail Phelps presented information on Triple P - Funded through DCF was only DCF Referral but it opened up to the community. Positive Parenting Program has been around for approximately 30 years. Recently adopted by DCF. . 90 minute home visits. Ages Birth – 18. Circles of Security will be worked in to address B-3. Home visitor works mostly with the parent. Service area is Litchfield County. Abigail will send flier to listserv
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- **Torrington Public Schools:** Asked B-3 to make referrals for anyone turning 3 in July/August and early Sept (15th). This year high 70's for referrals – Classes are at 70's
- **Winsted FRC-** Reorganizing Cradle to Classroom – Advocacy focused. Parent Group is meeting Parents Supporting Educational Excellence (13 classes). First class is next Wed 5-8:30 p.m. Need more parents. Home Visiting Coalition – Looking to see if CHH Community Outreach Committee can help create a connection with Pediatricians with Home Visiting Programs
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- **Brooker-** Continues to Grow – VENT Parent Support Group is now being offered there. Third Tuesday, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Fit together offering nutrition/physical activity workshops. The Two Hearts Home Project is looking at renovation plans/other issues on funding were discussed. A potential survey on need is being explored.
- **CT Family Service Network** Looking to reach families in NW Corner.
- **Prenatal-5 Education Connection Head Start** – A Few Openings
- **Family Strides-** Looking for Families – Prenatal – first time mow, slowly going up
- **Project Interact** – Doing well
- **Even Start** has a wait list – connecting families on wait list to resources in the meantime
 - **Next Meeting:** February 18, 9am-11am. Respectfully submitted by: Donna Labbe