

LICC/TECC Growth & Development Workgroup

Meeting Minutes: 6-23-16

In Attendance: Alena Josephson, Child First; Lisa Candels, NFN; Jan Lyon, Brooker; Julie Fabiaschi, Birth to Graduation; Anne Giordano, Education Connection

B/3 Updates: No report today

TECC Update: Awaiting info on funding; sustainability committee continuing to meet. August 13th- Back to School event planned for the Armory as usual; event is FREE.

LICC: Discussion on how this group should move forward without continued state LICC funding. Brooker has offered to host the meetings and some parent events at their site, and will also consider funding a portion of the parent events as well; other programs offered to assist as needed as parent events are scheduled.

The consensus of the group today was that this group should remain as its own entity, rather than joining with the Home Visiting group, as it was determined that the focus and membership representation at LICC are both broader than that of the HV group. While some members are involved in both groups, LICC also includes many individuals and agencies whose focus is not limited to the home visitation realm such as CHH, local pediatric providers, Trauma-Attachment Network, Public Schools/ Special Education services, Brooker, childcare providers, etc. It was further determined that both Child First and NFN will continue to use this group as their Advisory Councils, which is a requirement of both of the programs.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2016, at Brooker. Agenda items to be considered at that meeting are: possible re-naming of the group; re-visiting of meeting dates & ongoing schedule; and recruitment of new members.

The following entities were identified as those who would be valuable contributors to the discussions of this group: Torrington Library; CMHA; Community Health & Wellness; Peri-Natal group from CHH; DCF; OB/GYN's;

Education Connection Children's Therapy Center; Brooker Dental Center; and CYF. Other ideas welcome, outreach efforts to be discussed at the September meeting.

Child First: CF is fully enrolled with a waitlist of over 20; also receiving referrals from town out of their catchment area. The program is currently interviewing for the position of Clinical Director. CF will be receiving a revised list of 26 federal benchmarks that the program will have to report on met in October 2016.

NFN: Fully enrolled; will be recruiting for a new bi-lingual home visitor as a staff person will be leaving soon for maternity leave. NFN will also be receiving the same new set of program benchmarks in October 2016.

Birth to Graduation & Parents Place: A new location/meeting time for Parents Place- now meeting at CHH- Small Dining room, every Monday evening, from 5:30-6:30 pm. All expectant families and those with infants up to the age of 12 months of age are invited to attend. Kids Play playgroups going well; a new Director is now in place at the museum. Julie has determined that many parents do not have access to email; so personal phone calls/texts may be a better way to reach them. Also, Julie has been informed of overnight camp scholarships for children aged 8-12 years of age; contact her if wanting more info, applications due by July 21st.

Brooker: FIT Together program, a partnership of Brooker, CHH, CYF and CCMC focused on obesity and healthy eating has begun, with children aged 9-12. Additional groups for children of both older and younger ages will be forming in the fall; call Carla Angevine, R.D. at CHH for info. Discussions about benefits of Community Gardens, exercise programs, nutritional cooking, and economic food purchasing for our children & families; Jan and Lisa researching ideas for potential speakers/presenters and possible locations for a local family community garden.