

INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

September 24, 2015

10:00am – 12:00pm

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Attendees: Sarah Pennal, Erin Kissling, Liane Grayson, Carrie Bale, Christina Commons, Kim Rhodes, Katie Herron, Nancy Ward, Beth Stroh, Kresha Warnock, Lisa Henley, Kyle Wehmann, Amanda Lopez, Monica DiOrio, Amanda Szekely (guest presenter); Other guests: John Peirce, Meghan Smith, Julie Whitman

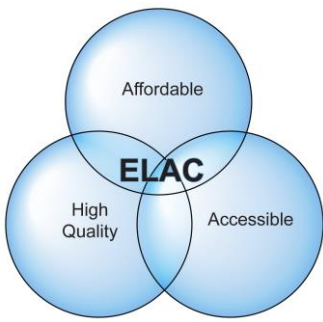
Key Topics Discussed:

Special Presentation on Infants and Toddlers: Amanda Szekely, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, ZERO TO THREE (*presentation slides are available in Wiggio*)

- Amanda’s presentation focused on how states can improve coordination between Early Learning and Health Systems to Support Healthy Child Development
- State Best Practices were highlighted
- Five key strategies were reviewed:
 1. Develop a comprehensive state plan that includes health, early learning, and family support.
 2. Coordinate data systems across health and education systems to better serve families and track outcomes.
 3. Coordinate professional development across systems.
 4. Expand use of developmental screening and referral across systems.
 5. Strengthen capacity of early care and education to promote children’s health and mental health
- Amanda referenced several other reports that have been uploaded in Wiggio.

Other topics discussed:

- Happy Babies group (focused on raising the importance of infants and toddlers in Indiana) has developed a Policy Brief on the state of infants and toddlers in Indiana that they hope to present to ELAC in November;
- Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health) promotes the wellness of young children ages birth to 8 by addressing the



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physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral aspects of their development;

- Liane Grayson mentioned an upcoming preliminary phone call to discuss getting the Help Me Grow initiative in Indiana. It was requested that someone from OECOSL and/or ELAC be invited to participate in that call.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Who owns the systems as they are in development?
2. Does Indiana's ELAC currently have adequate membership and participation from the health sector?
3. Which of the examples from other states are most aligned with your current vision and priorities?
4. Are there any opportunities for organizations to participate in a program or grant related to reducing obesity rates statewide or at the community-level?
5. OECOSL is looking to create a policy on suspensions and expulsions. Who collects this data?

Action Steps:

1. Lisa Henley offered to invite Angie Tomlin with Riley Child Development Center to the October meeting.
2. Next meeting will focus on outlining what pilots are going on statewide, as well as seeing a preview of the Happy Babies' Issue Brief.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 22, 2015; 10:00am – 12:00pm EST

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202

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