



Maryland Family Engagement Coalition

Ready at Five
August 24, 2016
1:00p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Agenda

- Welcome – Co-Chairs , Dorothy Stoltz and Louise Corwin
- Responsibilities of Members – Co-Chairs
- Review of Family Engagement Summit – Co-Chairs
 - Attendance and Feedback
 - Future Conferences/Summits
 - Planning Committee
- Kellogg Grant Updates
 - Local Councils RFP - Cyndi La Marca
 - Family Engagement Toolkit –Cyndi La Marca
 - Technology Plan – Louise Corwin
 - Web Based Modules –Tresa Hanna.
 - Communications Plan - Cyndi La Marca
- Kellogg Proposal Year 2 – Co-Chairs
 - The recommendations from the Communications Plan will help develop the proposal for future Kellogg funding.
 - Training/TA with Family Engagement Toolkit/Web modules
 - Parent Leadership
 - National Consortium
 - MSDE Family Engagement Website - Hub for information for providers and parents.
 - Systems level reforms (EXCELS)
- Announcements

Future meetings- Every 3rd Monday (bi-monthly), from 1-3:30 p.m.:

October 24, 2016

December 19, 2016



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August 22, 2016
1:00p.m. – 3:30p.m.

Minutes

- Welcome – Co-Chairs , Dorothy Stoltz and Louise Corwin
- Responsibilities of Members –Louise Corwin and Dorothy Stoltz reviewed the responsibilities of members and what is needed. The importance of ensuring that the meeting attendees voices are heard and that people are able to come on a regular basis. It was discussed that many members have not been attending regularly or at all. There are the “core members” but there are also interested parties. The group reviewed the possibility of sending a letter to the full Coalition clarifying the expectations. It will be stated in the letter that they may not be able to attend meetings, but they would be able to stay on a mailing list or email blast for minutes, meeting times and any other information that is sent out. It will also be stated that decisions will be made at meetings, so to be a part of the decision making members need to attend.

It was requested that Parent Place be invited to be a part of the Coalition.

Cyndi La Marca will draft the letter.

- Review of Family Engagement Summit – Co-Chairs
 - Attendance and Feedback - Feedback forms/action forms: The Summit had over 200 people attend and over 300 people registered. Very positive feedback was received.
 - General session: Evaluations received were rated between 4 and 5. The comments provided very helpful information. Participants commented they would have wanted more time for Q&A from panelists and they like the information on how to partner with the community. All other comments were positive reviews
 - Breakout Sessions including the Judy center; Making Access Happen; Pediatricians and Cultural Proficiency workshops all received ratings of 4's and 5's.
 - “Call for Action” comments ranged from changing mindset approach to family engagement; reevaluating how programs work with the community; how to better communicate with families; how to work with EXCELS to incorporate more intentional family engagement activities; increasing parent cafes; and several comments were

included about working with families with children with disabilities and assisting families with the special education process and prepping families for meetings.

- Future Conferences/Summits - There is interest on having another summit next year. There was discussion of having two per year, but with funding and timing that may not be possible. Louise Corwin offered infusing family engagement into other events through workshops and presentations. Chris Swanson from JHU is doing another Family Expo in the fall and it may be possible to team up with him. Ideas of including others on the Coalition were discussed to expand work and reach out to others - representatives from the Family Tree to attend future coalition meetings; Grant “Grow your kids” Emotional/Behavior committee and it's all about how parents engage with their kids. At the end of September, it will be on the MDMP website and available to pediatricians and parents. It uses the videos from the Chicago Parenting Program; Debbie Grosse from JH School of nursing is a TOT and is training pediatricians. It will be offered in the Eastern shore/southern and Western Maryland.
 - Planning Committee - members were asked to let the Chairs or Cyndi La Marca Lessner know if they would like to be a part of the planning committee.
- Kellogg Grant Updates
 - Local Councils RFP - Nine local ECACs will submit their final reports/invoices and will be submitted to Cyndi La Marca
 - Family Engagement Toolkit –The toolkit is having its final edits. Once the final edit is submitted, printing can begin and the toolkit will also be online. Trainings have been done with State Approved Trainers as well as EXCEL QAS and PCs so they can provide TA to the providers regarding family engagement. Also, a webinar will be made for the use of the toolkit. 1,500 copies will be printed and sent to the library, early learning coordinators, excels providers, Judy Centers, Head Starts, etc. and will also be available on the website.
 - Web based Modules – Two modules were developed and being translated into Spanish. It should launch by the middle of September. There will be some incentives for providers (including Spanish speaking) to access this modules and get training hours.
 - Communications Plan - The plan was presented by Jeff Capizzano and will be sent to ECAC members for their review prior to the next ECAC meeting where it will be approved.
 - Kellogg Proposal Year 2 – The communication plan will drive the next grant proposal/grant period.
 - The recommendations from the Communications Plan will help develop the proposal for future Kellogg funding.
 - Training/TA with Family Engagement Toolkit/Web modules

- Parent Leadership
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- MSDE Family Engagement Website – Alexis Washington explained the website or hub is driven by social media. Since Maryland is a leader in family engagement, we would like to branch out to other states and share what is happening nationally. This website will help to drive conversation and highlight MD Family Engagement and other practices that could be used. We can share resources from other states, but it would be led by MSDE.
- Systems level reforms (EXCELS)
- Additional discussion and suggestions for Year 2/3 of Kellogg funding –
 - LECACs – LECACs need to continue, but will need coaching and modeling. MSDE/Coalition could support them by working with the LECACs on parent leadership trainings.
 - Expand Ready Rosie and the library collaboration - face to face and technology
 - Focus on transitions into kindergarten
 - Leadership training for dad – there needs to be a focus on male involvement.
- Task groups and sub- committees: How do we get this information disseminate?
 - Public awareness could be a committee
 - Conference Planning committees
- Announcements
 - Paula Minsk announced that this will be her last coalition meeting as she is retiring. The Coalition wished her the best and acknowledged her work and dedication to children and families.
- Future meetings- Bi-monthly, from 1-3:30 p.m.:
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