

Planning Region Team 21

January 19, 2018

Agenda

The Public Meeting Act is posted on the all and available for public inspection.

Sign-in and Welcome

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Purpose of the Early Childhood Planning Region Team**
 - The purpose of Planning Region 21 is to assist in collaborative planning and development of a family-centered, interagency, community-based system for all children, with emphasis on those with disabilities, birth to age 5

- **Video - The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA):**
<http://ectacenter.org/eco/pages/videos-supporting.asp>

- **EDN Monitoring**
 - PRT 21 CAP submitted
 - Areas included in the CAP: services coordinators contact with parents and documentation (service page), screening procedures, informed clinical opinion, consent for evaluation, surrogacy, measurable outcomes, transition plans).
 - Praised for our procedure of screening process

- **Results Driven Accountability**
 - Nebraska has identified 3 improvement strategies for.
 - The **Routines Based Interview (RBI)** as the child and family assessment tool. Following initial RBI approval, primary and secondary interviewers must complete an RBI fidelity check annually.
 - The RBI generates family priorities which give providers and services coordinators the information needed to identify **functional, meaningful IFSP child AND family outcomes** tied to everyday routines. A percentage of the region's IFSP outcomes will be analyzed annually using the Outcome Quality Checklist and feedback will be provided to the region's leadership team.
 - **Guided by function and meaningful IFSP outcomes, routines-based home visits** focus on building the confidence and capacity of the family to improve child development in natural learning opportunities. Following initial Home Visit (HV) approval, providers and services coordinators must complete a fidelity check at least annually. (June 6, 2018):
 - Year 3 - Will get additional training to improve home visits on June 5th in Lincoln.

- **New [PRT Resource Guide](#) (handed out)**

- **NDE Early Childhood Report (handout)**

- The 2016-2017 Annual Evaluation Report on Early Childhood Education in Nebraska Public School District, Educational Service Unit and Head Start Programs is now available and can be accessed [here](#).

- **Focus Group**

- Ask parents to participate in way to work on gaps and barriers. Use the information to write the grant. Denise and Kim will work and set it up.
- A parent shared that he felt fortunate to be a part of it and parents sharing information and helping each other. The group might be a little too small. Will talk to facilitator to see if group could be larger.

- **Early Learning Connection - Jen H**

- Feb 12 Supporting Children with Special Needs in Child Care
- Feb 15 Creating a Parent-Friendly Program (5 week series)
- March 12 Supporting our Youngest Learners - Language Dev
- April 7 Including Everyone in Play (with Metro Region ASD)
- March 24 Infant Toddler Symposium - Ann Meeker Watson

- **Assistive Technology Update - Dixie**

- Reminder: utilize MPS staff first -
- Will be attending CEC conference next month - picked based on the number of sessions about Early childhood
- Newer app on ipad - Snap Scene - for very young children - have had good success

- **Services Coordinator Update**

- Wee screen - opening up to birth to 5.
- Data
 - 50 referrals since 11/10/17
 - Referral Source
 - 12 - School
 - 4 - CAPTA
 - 7 - Parent
 - 5 - Other Service coordinators
 - 12 - Physician
 - 2 - HHS

- **Community Partners Update**

- Nebraska Respite Network
- Children's Respite Care Center

- Health and Human Services
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Family Support/Social Media**
 - **Child Find**
- **Gaps and Barriers**
 - What unmet needs are there?
- **Next Meeting Dates:**
 - March 16th
 - May 18th - Annual Meeting
- **Announcement**
 - MPS has created a parent advisory group - no one from birth to 3 yet who represents that group has been found. Looking for families to fill the void