



*Pulling Together for the Children of Frederick County*

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Frederick County Interagency Early Childhood Committee

*A Subcommittee of the Local Management Board*

**Mission Statement:**

To promote the healthy development and well-being of young children and their families through community collaboration

**Meeting Minutes**

August 4, 2022

**Attendees:**

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| 1. Jessica Lertora, Frederick County Safe Babies Court Team Program – Co-Chair | 6. Diana Fulchiron, Community Foundation of FC                 |
| 2. Jim Miller, Frederick County Department of Social Services – Co-Chair       | 7. Danica Warden, Each One, Teach One                          |
| 3. Patty Morison, Child Care Choices, MHA                                      | 8. Kathy Allen, Early Childhood Education & Judy Centers, FCPS |
| 4. Jennifer Barker-Frey, FC Office for Children & Families,                    | 9. Lauren Perry, FCPS-Early Childhood Coordinator              |
| 5. Pat Rosensteel, COIPP                                                       | 10. Adam Schleger, MHA                                         |

**Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm**

**Introductions:** Jessica Lertora led the group through introductions of new participants and the organizations that are represented in the meeting.

**Minutes:** Patty Morrison made a motion to approve; Diana Fulchiron seconded the motion, minutes approved unanimously.

Jessica reiterated that June – Oct will be in person meetings, November through May will be virtual

There will be a change in the meeting structure. No break out rooms, work will shift to the Strategic plan. The group decided to continue to reserve break out rooms for the strategic planning process

**Child Care Choices:** Patty Morison.

- Received an Early childhood grant
- 5 new positions: 3 Perks positions and 2 other support positions
- GOFCC
- Childcare Conference will be Nov 12, 2022 from 7:30am – 4:00pm
  - Keynote speaker will be Lindsey Giroux

**ACEs Committee Update:** Pilar Olivo.

- Start of the new 3 year plan:
  - Reduce toxic stress
  - Reduce ACES in High School
  - VROOM.org- build on Serve and Return
  - Developing outreach with IECC for the Brain Architecture game
- The Childcare Market Analysis
  - Focus on Access to Child Care
    - Phase 1: Landscape analysis
    - Phase 2: Population and Economic Analysis
    - Phase 3: Family study
- Family Connects
  - All new born children from FHH will receive a visit
  - Service beginning 2023
  - Recruiting for listening sessions
  - Children born after Dec 1, 2021 at FHH
  - Pilar will send out a recruitment flyer

**Postern:** Jessica Lertora. Working on and completing the Strategic Communication

**Community Schools:** Kathy Allen.

- 5 locations: Butterfly Ridge, Lincoln, Waverly, Hillcrest (one more)
- Community schools will provide 1 stop access to medical and mental health needs
- Funding update: We are on target for funds. Pat will send Kathy information about a proposed amendment to spending

**Each One, Teach One.** Danica Warden.

- A program to teach young children social skills while participating in yoga and body awareness activities. Based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to help children focus on the moment and avoid impulsivity. The children also develop vocabulary about their emotions. Children develop Body Awareness (through the 5 senses), Body Ownership (Assertiveness and Spatial limits), and work on non-verbal communication. She offers 1 hour sessions.

**Networking:**

- Diana Fulchiron: Grants open on August 15. Impact grants are being accepted from Aug 15 – Sep 15. She also spoke about Catastrophic Healthcare needs grants to help cover medical expenses.
- Kathy Allen: Pre-K registration is open.
- Barbara May: Family Partnership will be offering Attachment Vitamins. This program is being offered two times a week at Head Start.
- Jessica Lertora: The Trauma Assessment is being conducted on the Court System as part of the Safe Babies Court Program.

**Next Meeting – September 1, 2022 1:00 pm at MHA**