



*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:**

October 4, 2023

**Attendees:** Pat Rosensteel, Erin Gambrill, Sarah Martin, Patty Morrison, Claudia Hernandez, Jessica Lertora, Kathy Allen, Diana Fulchiron, Steve Buckley, Adam Schlager, Nancy Boyd, Pilar Olivo, Leslie Freil, Barbara Pinnock, Jillian Bleggi, Michelle Lucena, Christy Donnelly, Kelly Robbins, and Shelly Toms

**October Meeting minutes:** Motion made by Delaine Welch and seconded by Pat Rosensteel, Approved.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Child Care Market Study update:** Pilar shared focus groups are being hosted for people who work evening or night shifts, weekends or are on call outside of typical business hours for Frederick County based employees.

There are three upcoming community input sessions:

10/18 Child Care provider focused – 7-8:15 pm

11/15 Family focused - 7-8:15 pm

12/06 Business focused - 8-9:15 am

Please register at the Study webpage at: <https://publicpolicy.com/frederickcostudy/>

**Partner Presentation:** Building Better Beginnings, Felicia Jones-Taylor, Maryland Family Network

Listen and Learn Tour PowerPoint:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AQ1gG1AMKIGdWP-QqkU9ZtwkujGr\\_RIN/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AQ1gG1AMKIGdWP-QqkU9ZtwkujGr_RIN/view?usp=drive_link)

- The focus is on parents with young children.
- The planning grant asked what do families want? Survey of all 24 counties. Focused on families with income of \$50,000 or less.
- Quantitatively done- statewide focus groups, statewide analysis

- Five main areas- child care, transportation, housing, food security and health care
- Targeted universalism-go deep in one community and spread the information to the rest of the state.
- Focus areas: Baltimore City, Prince Georges county, and Somerset County (All have limited access to childcare)
- Parent leader advocacy sessions to empower parents.
- Funding will be provided by mid-October.

<https://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org/news/rfp-listen-and-learn-tour>

### **Subcommittee updates:**

Sign-up sheet was sent around the room. There is also a signup sheet in google docs.

**Awareness Committee-** discussion of the distribution list. Erin and Jessica met with Frameworks. Frameworks shared 6-7 document resources to early childhood subcommittee. This committee was tasked to identify best practices which the Data and Advocacy committee was also tasked with. Chairs of those two committees will meet to discuss how to work on this.

**Collaboration Committee** just had a meeting. They went over the statement and budget.

**Data and Advocacy Committee-** no further updates, next meeting end of October

### **Updates & Networking**

- Library shared Grow with Baby event with Family Partnership 10/12/23
- Patty Morrison shared an update on the Children's Festival, last Saturday of April 2024. She is beginning to have volunteers for the sub committees meet in January and every month until the Children Festival from 12-1 before IECC. They are looking for co-chairs for the subcommittees:
  - Food Committee - they have the Sprinkled Cow, Asian Fusion and Blues pizza planned. Ginny is chairing and Leslie F. volunteered to co chair.
  - Publicity committee- Nancy Boyd is chairing it.
  - Volunteer committee-Claudia H. is chairing it.
  - Entertainment- Patty is chairing or co chairing it.
- Leslie shared that there are over 1,000 seats in Pre K in Frederick County. Seven hundred and eleven in full day classrooms. Next goal is to get private providers involved.
- Sarah M. gave update that Learning Day registration is now closed. They are full. It will be on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at FCC.

Respectfully submitted.

Delaine Welch