

Early Care Workgroup Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2010

Hidden Lake Gardens

Strategy A: Determine what tools local providers have for working with children with challenging behaviors

Strategy B: Gather information about childcare/preschool expulsion in Lenawee County

- Action Steps for A & B: We will create a survey asking questions that will give us the needed information for A & B. Survey will be sent to all licensed centers and home day cares. All that reply will be put into a drawing for a Meijer gift certificate. The 7 questions are as follows:

1. Does your center/home day care have a written policy on expelling a child?
2. Have you expelled a child in the last 2 years? How many? What ages?
3. Why were they expelled?
4. How many children were at risk for being expelled in the last 2 years? (This includes children that may have received any type of intervention, treatment, therapy, LISD services, ...)
5. Thinking about the children that were at risk of being expelled, why were they not expelled?
6. Are you aware of any area resources that offer intervention services for children at risk of being expelled? Can you list area resources that offer services for providers to help children that are at risk of being expelled?
7. What school district are you in?

Strategy C: Develop a list of child development "red flags"

- Action Steps for C: We didn't work too much on this strategy. Another person in our work group believes she has access to a wheel of development that would have this information on it.

Strategy D: Gather information on the components of high-quality early care

- Action Steps for D: We will gather the needed information from a survey that will go out to parents that are with the parent coalition, to providers with the Lenawee Child Care Association and to licensed centers in Lenawee. It is our intention to take the information and compile it, using the results to create an endorsement from the LCCA and ECDA/Lenawee centers. The high quality components would be listed on the LGS website and endorsed by LCCA & ECDA.

The information on the survey would include a brief background of LGS, why we are doing the survey, what we intend to do with the collected information. Parents who answer the survey will go into a drawing for a Meijer gift Certificate. The questions to be asked are:

1. When you hear the phrase “High-Quality Child Care “what components come to mind?
2. Thinking of these components, pick the top 5 and rank their importance from 1-5. (1 being the most important)

Other items worked on are:

- Send surveys out by July 1, 2010 and have responses back by July 10, 2010
- We sat in with the Social-Emotional work group to share what we were working on and they shared information about an newspaper article related to expulsion and pending budget issues with the State.
- Our next work group meeting is to be held June 17 @ 6:00p.m. Human Services Building
- Meeting at Adrian College August 24 from 12:00-1:30
- Amanda Duval Owner of Sprouts –Tecumseh and program director for Grow as you go-Blissfield added to work group. Email is amanda.duval@elem3ntchurch.com
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Early Care Year One Action Agenda

All four strategies are “green light”

Chairman of group: Undecided at this time

Secretary of group: Kelly Williams