

Carroll County Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 26th, 2019
Time: 12 noon-1:30pm (*Please bring a bag lunch*)
Meeting Leader(s): Caleb Gilbert
Location: Children Unlimited
Participants: Gail Yalenzian, AnneMarie Brewer, Soyla Hernandez, Cheryl Frankowski, Cathy Livingston, Abbie Hickey

Notes

Home-visiting Program Update

- Healthy Families America/ NH Home Visiting Task Force report:

Have been co-locating with WMCH in order to integrate into primary care to build relationships with healthcare providers and trust with families there for prenatal visits. Schelley R. was not present, will ask for update on NH Home Visiting Task Force during next CCECC meeting.

Developmental Screenings Update

- NH DHHS: Watch Me Grow/Act Early

Still implementing at Children Unlimited. Caleb will reach out to contacts at NH DHHS for an update on the initiative as a whole.

- Child Find

SAU 9 will be holding a Child Find event on Wednesday, March 27th, from 8:30am to noon at the Children's Museum in North Conway.

Other programs:

- Childcare Aware of Carroll County

Continue to serve as a resource to families seeking childcare. Lack of childcare options make placing children in care difficult in certain areas of the county. Continue to provide professional development opportunities for professionals in the field.

- Head Start

Still have openings in Conway and Ossipee. There will be a parent meeting in March, Caleb will follow-up with Diane Gilmore from TCCAP for more updates.

- Carroll County Family Connections Resource Center at Children Unlimited

Will be hosting parent classes at Effingham Elementary and Ossipee Central, per requests from the schools and families. The Center has been busy and they have been increasing work with Juvenile Justice.

- SparkNH update

Caleb will discuss opportunities related to NH Preschool Planning Grant with Laura Milliken, director of Spark NH. **Link to NH ACEs data:** <http://sparknh.daveystrategies.com/aces/>.

- White Mountain Community Health

Have developed shared care plan, currently between White Community Health, Huggins, and Northern Human Services. WMCH has partnered with Northern Human Services and UNH to bring a counseling intern (with an interest in working with teens) to WMCH during the 2019 academic year. Counseling for uninsured individuals is still available on Fridays. WMCH is exploring the idea of organizing a health fair in Summer of 2019, more information forthcoming.

- Upcoming Trainings

Understanding Homelessness and Its Impact on Children: Wednesday, March 27th, 6:30-8:30pm, Kennett Middle School (<https://nhportal.naccraware.net/nh/>).

Family Resource Night: Monday, March 18th, 5-7pm, Conway Library (contact Mandy McDonald a_mcdonald@sau.org).

Other Business/Events

NH DHHS has been awarded a preschool planning grant to be implemented in partnership with UNH and Spark NH. UNH has jobs listed, related to the grant:

<https://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/32018>

Positive Solutions for Families: Three trained facilitators in the area. Class is currently being offered at Memorial's New Life Program. FMI: Emily Benson missembenson@gmail.com.

Caleb has been working with partners from Senator Shaheen's Office, Memorial Hospital, and the community to discuss a community event focused on ACEs and early trauma. More information will be forthcoming.

Upcoming Dates: Next CCECC meeting: Tuesday, April 30th (please note that there will be no March meeting), noon to 1:30pm. Please bring a bag lunch.