

Carroll County Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 30th, 2019
Time: 12 noon-1:30pm (*Feel free to bring your lunch*)
Meeting Leader(s): Caleb Gilbert
Location: Children Unlimited
Participants: Diane Gilmore, Ardis Yahna, Cathy Livingston, Jennifer Selfridge, Gail Yalenezian, Schelley Rondeau, Cheryl Frankowski, Soyla Hernandez, Katie Foster, Rebecca Voitowski

Notes

Carroll County Strategic Plan for Substance Use Prevention

- Conversation led by Jennifer Selfridge, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator, Carroll County Coalition for Public Health.

Jennifer is in the process of strategic planning for prevention initiatives in Carroll County. Led the group through a discussion of the findings of the Governor's Commission on Substance Use, Early Childhood Subcommittee (attached to email message). Below are the topics that were discussed:

- Data collection issues related to various screening data submitted to NH DHHS. Group suggests making this data easier to access.
- ACEs screenings: seems to be some efforts to screen for ACEs, but the effort is fragmented and there does not seem to be a universal screening instrument. Central VNA, Healthy Families America does screen for ACEs.
- Funding to home visiting and loosening qualification restrictions.
- Policies/practices to reduce the ACEs: Pyramid Model, Children Unlimited's work with Carroll County Jail (currently on hold pending IDN funding), the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team (ACERT) pilot in Laconia.

NH Preschool Development Grant

- Children Unlimited's role with this grant in Carroll County

Children Unlimited is the "anchor program" for the PDAG. There is still much unknown about the grant, but Ardis will be attending the Spark NH strategic planning and community of practice meetings and will share more. The goal of the grant is to support early childhood coalitions in participating in the planning process and engaging parents and families in the process as well. More information will be forthcoming.

Home-visiting Program Update

- Healthy Families America

HFA continues to remain busy. Weekly visits with White Community Health are paying off, after overcoming some obstacles to establish these visits. These visits have resulted in new families participating in the Home Visiting program.

- NH Home Visiting Task Force report

Schelley Rondeau sits on the task force. The task force is working on efforts to align language related to home visiting across the state.

Developmental Screenings Update

- Child Find

SAU 9 has concluded its Child Find events for the academic year. Caleb will reach out to southern part of Carroll County regarding their child find/developmental screening efforts.

Other programs:

- Carroll County Family Connections Resource Center at Children Unlimited

Expanded Parenting class offerings in the county. Continuing to see an increase in supervised visitation referrals.

- SparkNH update

Ardis will attend the Community of Practice meeting on Monday, May 6^t. Will report at next CCECC meeting.

- White Mountain Community Health Center

Community Health Worker Soyla Hernandez has been attending WIC clinics and conducting outreach. WMCH is holding a 5k fundraiser on Saturday, May 18th (<https://tinyurl.com/yxfxqkd7>). A health fair is being considered for Wednesday, July 17th, more info forthcoming, WMCH submitted its application to become a Federally Qualified Health Center.

- Head Start

Last days for Head Start are as follows: Conway- June 5th, Ossipee- June 7th.

- Upcoming Trainings

Resilience Screening and Panel at Kennett High School, Wednesday, May 22nd, from 6 to 8pm. Flatbread pizza will be served starting at 5pm. Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resilience-a-community-film-screening-panel-discussion-tickets-60058734291>

Upcoming Dates: Next CCECC meeting: Tuesday, June 25th, noon to 1:30pm. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.