

Carroll County Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Time: 12-1:30 PM

Meeting Leader: Ardis Yahna

Location: Children Unlimited

Participants: Soyla Hernandez, Gail Yalenezian, Emily Benson, Cathy Livingston, Katie Foster and Kimm Phillips (by phone)

Notes

NH Preschool Development Grant

- Ardis gave an update on the status of the grant and is attending meetings at Spark NH. The goal of the grant is to assist regional Early Childhood Coalitions in building and supporting family engagement and leadership at the regional level. Cathy Livingston and Emily Benson are working with Ardis on identifying early childhood programs in Carroll County along with other organizations such as White Mountain Community Health Center, existing play groups and story times to ascertain whether there is interest in hosting family engagement listening sessions. Kimm Phillips from PIC (Parent Information Center) spoke about the second part of the grant which involves family engagement and leadership and how PIC can support each coalition. Thirteen focus groups have been held across NH consisting of ten families each in order to gain a better understanding of what services parents of young children are using, how their experiences have been and what can be improved upon. A focus group was held at Children Unlimited on June 5th.

White Mountain Community Health Center

- Soyla Hernandez announced that White Mountain Community Health Center is working on becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center.
- A Community Resource Fair will be held on Friday, July 19th from 9 AM- 12 PM.

New Futures

- Katie Foster handed out the 2019 Kids Count Data Book along with the 2019 Kids Count Profile that ranks NH compared to the rest of the country in economic well-being, education, health and family and community. Katie has copies of both if you were unable to attend the meeting. New Futures is working on advocating for the new funding such as Medicaid home visits.

- Gail Yalenezian reports sending out surveys to area child care centers. Top concerns in regards to accessing child care include cost, availability and transportation.

Upcoming Dates: No CCECC Meetings scheduled for July or August. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, from 12-1:30 PM.