

Carroll County Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Time: 12:00- 1:00 PM

Meeting Leader: Cathy Livingston

Location: Zoom Meeting

Participants: Katie Foster, Rebecca Woitkowski, Heather Phillips, Emily Benson, Caleb Gilbert, Courtney Mitchell, Pam Stimpson, Pam Robinson, Soyla Hernandez, Karen Abbott, Cheryl Frankowski, Tara Mckenzie

Notes

Rebecca Woitkowski, Kids Count Policy Coordinator for New Futures, gave a wonderful presentation on state and federal updates, The Council for Thriving Children, Childcare Reopening Guidelines and Build it Back Better which involves both provider and parent surveys. The link for the Parent Survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NF2NPBV> and the link for the Provider Survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NFWH73C> These surveys are important as they can build on existing data to have a clear understanding of what parent and provider needs are to help guide supports and policy recommendations. This is a great way to hear and incorporate family voices.

Rebecca was asked to join The Council for Thriving Children, which met on May 21st for the first time since January 23, 2020 when Governor Sununu signed an Executive Order establishing the Council as NH's Early Childhood Council led by the NH Department of Education and the NH Department of Health and Human Services. The Council will make recommendations on early childhood in the home, child care, school and community settings.

Should you have further questions or would like more information, you can contact Rebecca at 603-225-9540 x 128 or rwoitkowski@new-futures.org

Waypoint's Warm Line number is: 1-800-640-6486 Monday- Friday 8:30- 4:30 AM

Our Family Connections Resource Center at Children Unlimited serves families with children age 21 and under in Carroll County. We can connect families will needed resources and can offer support. Our number is 447-6356 ext 110 or 111.

Program and Agency Updates

SAU 9 Pam Stimpson spoke about SAU 9's summer program starting on July 6th. The last school day for students for this year is June 15th.

Carroll County Public Health

Caleb Gilbert reports that Building Resilience MWV will be hosting another Facebook Live event on May 28th from 5:00- 5:30 PM on Youth & Mental Health: Ask the Experts led by Melissa Kanter, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, and therapists Jette Glazer and Kelley Marcello from Children Unlimited.

Memorial Hospital

Heather Philips spoke about hosting the 100 Days of Wellness Challenge again this year. The challenge is open to everyone and will begin at the end of June and will run through September.

Child Care Aware

Courtney Mitchell reports that Child Care Aware has a COVID – 19 Resources for Children and Families section on their website nh.childcareaware.org which includes Emergency Child Care Lines and an Individuals Available to Provide Child Care during COVID -19 Emergency.

Conway Public Library

Tara Mckenzie discussed the library's Summer Reading program which will run from June 1st- August 31st. Families can sign up and enjoy reading with the chance to win some cool prizes such as a bicycle, skateboard and Kindle Fires.

Central VNA Home Visiting

Schelley Rondeau wrote in an email that the VNA is doing home visits and that they are taking precautions.

Children Unlimited

We are looking at an opening date of August 31st for our childcare and preschool programs. We are working on procedures to open safely for staff, families and their children. Our Family Connections Resource Center and Children's Clinic continues to see families through Telehealth. We are participating in a fundraiser called NH Gives which begins on June 9th at 6 PM. NH gives is an initiative of the NH Center for Nonprofits that is designed to bring the state together as one community, raising as much money and awareness as possible for NH's non-profits within a 24 hour period. Each online donation made at www.nhgives.org to any participating nonprofit will be matched 1:1 up to \$1,000 per donation for the first \$250,000 given during the 24 hour event.

White Mountain Community Health Center

Cheryl Frankowski and Soyla Hernandez report that the health center is open and that two providers are currently seeing patients. Patients will enter through the front door and will leave the building through a door at the back to minimize exposure.

Please let me know by June 12th if you would like to have our next meeting on June 30th from 12- 1 or July 28th from 12-1.