

## Carroll County Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2019

**Time:** 12-1:30 PM

**Meeting Leaders:** Ardis Yahna and Cathy Livingston

**Location:** Children Unlimited

**Participants:** Soyla Hernadez, Gail Yalenezian, Cathy Livingston, Katie Foster, Pam Robinson, Schelley Rondeau, Cassie Rowe, Diane Gilmore, Cheryl Frankowski, Heather Phillips, Emily Benson, Rebecca Woitkowski and presenter, Maureen Shields from the Parent Information Center

### Notes

**Maureen Shields from the Parent Information Center in Concord did a presentation on “Navigating Difficult Conversations.” I sent a PDF of her presentation last week. If you did not receive the email containing the presentation please contact me. We thank Maureen for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing her experiences and strategies for working with families in empowerment and advocacy.**

### Program and Agency Updates

- Soyla Hernandez and Cheryl Frankowski spoke about the PJ Project where Carter’s retail stores donate pajamas to community organizations and White Mountain Community Health Center is receiving pajamas and will hold a PJ Party at the Conway Public Library. Cheryl is interested in information about existing Autism support groups. She also reports that the health center is now fully staffed.

### New Futures

- Katie Foster and Rebecca Woitkowski report that the budget has passed. There is Kids Count data available for Carroll County which was gathered from the U.S. Census, IRS, NH Department of Education, NH Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Vital Records Census Population Estimates, and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Please contact either Katie or Rebecca at [kfoster@new-futures.org](mailto:kfoster@new-futures.org) or [rwoitkowski@new-futures.org](mailto:rwoitkowski@new-futures.org) for copies. Rebecca is the Kids Count Policy Coordinator and Katie is the Community Engagement Coordinator and Data Manager.

- Gail Yalenezian and Pam Robinson report they had another successful Child Find in October and there is another one that will be held in January.

### **Head Start**

- Diane Gilmore reported that Head Start has openings in both the Conway and Ossipee locations. The new Head Start classroom located at the Tri-County Cap building in Tamworth should be completed by the middle of December.

### **Memorial Hospital**

- Heather Phillips reported that an ACEs ( Adverse Childhood Experiences) training will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 PM at Granite State College.

### **Central NH Visiting Nurses**

- Schelley Rondeau was honored as the recipient of the Outstanding Advocate at New Futures in Concord. She just recently joined New Futures board. Congratulations Schelley! The 2019 Festival of Trees in Wolfeboro will be held on December 7, 8 and 14 and 15. This is an annual charity benefit featuring trees that are decorated by area businesses at the Wright Museum. Central NH VNA and Hospice Pediatric Program was chosen as a beneficiary along with the Kingswood Youth Center and Kingswood Children's Summer Theatre.

### **Early Supports and Services, Northern Human Services**

- Cassie Rowe stated that the number of referrals they are receiving is increasing.

**Upcoming Dates:** Coalition meetings will be held every other month from 12-1:30 PM at Children Unlimited. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28 from 12-1:30 PM.