



Together For Kids and Families

## **Early Care & Education Work Group Meeting Summary**

**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Attendees: Tiffany Mullison, Jennifer Haggart, Mary Beth Pistillo, Eleanor Shirley, Joan Luebbers

### **Review Meeting Summary from September 24, 2014**

The Meeting Summary was accepted, with the correction Melody Hobson did not attend.

### **Work Plan Updates**

- Tiffany will email the work plan and request input prior to the January meeting. Members are to focus on how to complete these sections: Who, Completion Date, and Activities/Notes/Resources.
- Further discussion on Strategy 8 was tabled until the January meeting due to many members attending the Sixpence meeting today.

### **Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Update**

- Toxic Stress Steering Committee – the Steering Committee has grown their membership and has committed to meeting monthly throughout 2015. Sarah Ann Kotchian and Joan Luebbers both serve on the Steering Committee.
- Tiffany will submit the ECCS Federal Report due December 5, 2014 to HRSA.

### **Member Sharing**

**Step Up to Quality** – Eleanor provided an update and encouraged the promotion of the Facebook page for Step Up to Quality; they have received 197 “likes.” Eleanor would like info on toxic stress to be in the welcome packets

- Registration & Orientation
  - 57 programs have started/completed an application – about half are family homes.
  - Orientation continues, approximately 400-500 people have attended one of the orientation sessions across the state.
  - Orientation training will be available on line, starting in January 2015. Certificate of Completion will be provided.
  - 4 of the required 7 providers have started or completed registration. DHHS is sending letters to those who are required to participate who have not yet signed up.
- Coaching
  - Still recruiting coaches, raters and reviewers – call 844-807-5712.
  - Coaching is already being provided for those at Step 2.

**Child Trends report** – anticipated release in January 2015 by First Five Nebraska.

**Early Head Start** – Joan reported the Early Head Start partnership grants submitted in August are being reviewed. Notification in December. Nebraska submitted 4 applications. Joan will let the group know who is awarded.

**Early Learning Coordinators** – Jennifer reported all the training opportunities she forwards are approved by the ECTC and that attendees don't need to contact Michelle for approval of each.

**Early Childhood Training Center** – Mary Beth reported the ERS training has 35 registered; a CLAS training is scheduled in early December

### **Future Meetings**

- The ECE work group meets every other month in the months of January, March, May, July, September & November.
- First Five Nebraska is able to host meetings in 2015.
- Tiffany will send out a scheduling poll to members.