

ICA Meeting
8/30/17

In attendance:

Dawn Maloney, Nancy Smith, Alex Eldreth, Brian Freedman, Dick Lytton, Susan Veenema, Vince Winterling, Deb Coffey, Laura Dewey, Annalisa Ekbladh, Daphne Cartwright, Heidi Mizell, Kathryn Tulis, Cindy Brown, Harriet Litwin, Ashley Kavanaugh, Maria Lokuniak, MaryAnn Mieczkowski

Family needs report

- Autism DE-new data tracking system for working with family needs
- Discussion around students moving from county autism program back to home district
 - Milford
- Autism DE stated concern with district starting the own program
- How can this transition communicated better to families
- Who qualifies to be part of a program?
- Lack of social skills training needs for programs
 - DAP coming up with rubrics to measure social competence. It was identified as an area of need
 - Generalization of social skills
- Transition needs from family

Agency updates

- Need a Statewide Director for DAP, DNEA Director
 - Brainstorm director's role, system
- Nemours-hiring 2 new autism pyschs, medical directors for autism center
 - HERSA, Lend--tela-health
- LEND graduating 8 trainees, starting with 9 in the fall
- Building Bridges-early childhood system change
 - Trainings on the Mchat
 - Referral process for eligibility
- Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Pre-employment transition counselors

Limitations to Childcare and Childcare agencies

- Families unable to access care, not accepted, bounced out of facilities
 - Needing to get home health aides with Medicaid
- Subcommittee
- Training needed for childcare licensing
- 13 and over do not have a place to go
- Can DNEA provide professional development to daycare

- Appo has provided PD for daycare providers in the past – was very successful in terms of drawing a large audience (Christina doing that too...)
- Important to pull Office of Early Learning into this, Kim Koznowsky (sp?) and someone from childcare licensing.
- Annalisa and Cindy to lead a subcommittee who will meet with other key stakeholders to understand the issue better and propose some next steps for the ICA/DNEA to intervene.

DNEA staff positions

- Brian to convene search committee to rethink Director position

Training Updates

- Autism DE- 6 trainings
- ALEC-Autism Law Enforcement Education Center
 - SRO trainings
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