



Spark NH Vision: All New Hampshire children and their families are healthy, learning, and thriving now and in the future.

Spark NH Mission: Provide leadership that promotes a comprehensive, coordinated, sustainable early childhood system that achieves positive outcomes for young children and families, investing in a solid future for the Granite State.

Spark NH Family Partnership and Engagement Task Force

Charge: Develop and implement strategies for including families in the work of Spark NH.

July 13, 2015, 9:00-10:30pm

NH Children's Trust, 10 Ferry Street, Suite 315, Concord

Meeting Summary

1. Participants: Julie Day, Laura Milliken, Heidi Toursie, Linda Thomas
2. Meeting summary recorder: Heidi Toursie
3. Review of action items from last meeting:
4. Major/relevant updates from other committees:
 - The Children's Trust will be facilitating a fall Parent Advocacy Day. It is scheduled for October 16, 2015. Mary Lou Beaver will walk attendees through the legislative process and illustrate how parents can influence the process. They will demonstrate how a bill becomes a law and hold 2 mock hearings and a tour of the NH State House.
 - Julie and Laura updated the group on equity work efforts by The Council. They are looking at data that identifies areas of disparities between children of color and their white peers. They are looking at the causes for the disparities and how the committees can each address it in their work.
5. Requests from other committees/Council: N/A
6. Brief summary of accomplishments / decisions made:
 - Reviewed resource list of parent groups.
 - Discussed challenges of reaching families.
 - Discussed way to unite the early childhood system.
 - Discussed ways to get information to/from parent groups.
 - Discussed the possibility of keeping and maintaining a database of parent groups.
 - Worked on edits for Family Engagement brochure (both content and formatting).
7. Requests to other committees/Council: None

8. Action Items / Who is Responsible / Due Dates:

- Julie will update the brochure with feedback from Family Engagement Task Force group.
- Laura will follow up with language and design.
- Heidi will have Head Start Policy Council parents review the brochure for parent perspective / feedback.

9. Who will report at next Council Meeting: Laura

10. Meeting Evaluation:

- Much progress was made on the Family Engagement brochure.
- Many ideas were generated on the creation and maintenance of a Parent Group Database.
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Next Meeting: September 14, 2015.