Illinois’ Early Childhood Collaborations: Community Highlights and Peer Exchange

Conducting a community needs assessment: How can local collaborations access the issues and needs of their community?
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Agenda

• Introduction and Check-in
• Defining Community Needs Assessment
• Data informed work: Cicero
  – Peer Exchange
• Data informed work: McHenry
  – Peer Exchange
• Check-out and Closing
Type your question here, then hit “send”

All participants will be muted.

Technical issues: type your issue in the chat box
Check-In

Poll Question: How much experience do you have conducting a community needs assessment?

Please select:
– None
– Some
– Much
Defining Community Needs Assessment
Community Needs Assessment

• Seeks to gather and compile information about the needs of a community
• Performed prior to taking action
• Used to determine current situations and identify issues for action
Why?

• Identify major issues and needs that exist in the community
• Allows a community to establish community buy-in
• Helps focus on a collective vision and outcomes
• Able to design strategies to address issues
How?

- Establish a committee or core team
- Establish goals and purpose for the community needs assessment
- Identify stakeholders
- Explore existing data sources
- Additional data sources
How?

• Develop collection method
• Collect information
• Analyze data
• Report results
• Prioritize action items
Data informed work: Cicero, IL
Peer Exchange

• Who’s used this type of resource?
• What worked for you?
• How did it inform your efforts?
• Are there additional ideas?
Data Informed Work: McHenry, IL

McHenry County Data Snapshots

10.2%
• 75.8% Under 25
• 14.2% Ages 25-44
• 10.8% Ages 45-64
• 4.2% Ages 65+

6 Programs
• 322 Clients
• 74 Vacancies

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The percentage of children under age 6 living in households with income below the Federal Poverty Line (FPL)

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Data Informed Work

**AOK Family Survey Spring 2016**

1. Which town do you live in?
   - Algonquin
   - Crystal Lake
   - Cary
   - Fox River Grove
   - Harvard
   - Huntley
   - Johnsburg
   - Lake In The Hills
   - Lakemoor
   - McHenry
   - Richmond
   - Ringwood
   - Spring Grove
   - Union
   - Wonder Lake
   - Woodstock

2. What language is spoken most frequently in the home?
   - English
   - Spanish
   - Polish
   - German
   - Other (please specify)

3. What age are you?
   - 10-20 years
   - 21-30 years
   - 31-45 years
   - 46-60 years
   - 61+

4. What ages are your children? (mark all that apply)
   - 0-1 year
   - 1-2 years
   - 3-5 years
   - 6-7 years
   - 7-10 years
   - 10-14 years
   - 14-15 years
   - 16+

5. How many children do you have?
   - 1
   - 2
   - 3
   - 4
   - 5
   - 6+

**AOK Service Provider Survey Spring 2016**

The All Our Kids (AOK) Network of McHenry County is working on ensuring that all children and families in McHenry County have equal access to the services and supports that they need for their children to thrive in school and life. We recently held a community forum to identify the primary issues affecting the children and families in McHenry County. This survey serves to dig deeper into the items that were discussed and helps us to seek out the root causes of these issues. We want to work towards STOPPING these issues:

1. Not all children in McHenry County are thriving in school and beyond.
2. Children and families with the most diversity and the lowest income have the least access to quality child care and preschool experiences.
3. Children are not entering school ready to learn and be successful.

* 1. In which capacity do you serve McHenry County Children?

* 2. How long employed in this field?

* 3. Location of Office(s):
   - Algonquin
   - Crystal Lake
   - Cary
   - Fox River Grove
   - Harvard
   - Huntley
   - Lake In The Hills
   - Lakemoor
   - McHenry
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Peer Exchange

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Resources

• Build Initiative Community Systems Development toolkit
  http://www.buildinitiative.org/Resources/CommunitySystemsDevelopmentToolkit/Section2AssessmentPlanning/Section2A.aspx

• Community Toolbox http://ctb.ku.edu

• Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map
  http://iecam.illinois.edu/webinars/2016feb09/

• Illinois Action for Children’s Partner Plan Act

Check Out

What other resources do you need to feel prepared to continue to or to begin doing a community needs assessment?

Type your question here, then hit “send”
Closing

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• Seeking communities that can share experiences in:
  – Documenting outcomes
  – Engaging immigrant families and refugees, school districts or health partners
  – Interested? Please send an email to partnerplanact@actforchildren.org

• Save the Date: Spring Into Action Annual Conference, Springfield
  – March 28 – 29, 2017
  – Email advocacy@actforchildren.org or call (773) 564-8843 with any questions.

• Save the Date: Partner Plan Act Conference, Bloomington
  – Tuesday, June 13, 2017
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