



KINDERGARTEN READINESS C.A.N

FEBRUARY 7, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Alicia Yaeger-Booth, Carly Trotter, Michelle Wamsley, Tammy Lee, Renee Henry, Theresa Kulpinski, Rebecca Cirzan, Meagan Gramke, Ruth Thomas, Cheryl Paulsen, Sarah Kondratuk, Sylvia Johnson, Ophelia Goatson, Rene Hobbs, Paul Kulpinski

Rene called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and announced information about the ADE Pre-School Development Grant and that it is available to Flagstaff and handed out some printed applications. The grant application is due no later than March 6th and is also available on-line at: <http://www.azed.gov/early-childhood/>

Rene passed around examples of the POCET and ASQ for people to take brief introductory look, however she said that she wishes to table the conversation for the future in lieu of having a discussion about strategy.

The discussion turned to strategy - and identifying the top strategies to begin moving the needle on Kindergarten Readiness. Keeping in mind the following components for readiness that the network has previously agreed upon: skill sets, knowledge, mindset, supports, the members present identified the following strategic opportunities:

Strategy	Programs	Evaluation Data	Data we Want
1) Access to quality pre-school	Kindercamp; FTF Quality First; PDGrant; Private, Charter Public Schools; Summer Programs; Head Start; DES/DCS; CCRR;	National; Head Start; Quality First; KOF Kindergarten Observation Form (ASR); FUSD Intake;	# Kids in Preschool - # Not in preschool (FTF, HeadStart);
Story-time / enrichment	Food Center; PALs; Library; Sports, Clubs, Camps;		
** 2) Play/Mom groups			
** 2) Parent education	TAPP; pediatricians;	K Transition Plan	Parent knowledge of K expectations; FTF;
** 2) Parent Awareness Events	Community events; marketing and outreach for opportunities;		
** 2) AZEP/Child Find	Raising Special Kids		

** 2) Family Supports	Guidance Center; Child & Family Support Services; Faith Based; WiC; SNAPP; Food Center;		
Quality Pre-K Educators	Workforce Registry		
Nutrition Education	AZ Nutrition Network		
PreK - K Transition Plan			

Renee Henry expressed the need to have pediatricians at the table as an additional parent resource.

Sylvia reported that FUSD uses an intake form for KinderCamp and she regularly sends out about 400 invitations to families who qualify, but she routinely struggles to fill 180 spaces. The group asked questions and discussed why parents may not be accessing this service.

After we increase the number of children in KinderCamp and other high-quality programs, then we could use data to evaluate the effectiveness of those programs.

The network then moved into a broader conversation about access for as many kids as possible into high quality pre-school and community-wide promotion of the K Transition Plan.

Rene summed up the conversation by saying that we need to find a way to get local disaggregated data to prove that access matters, to disaggregate kindergarten registration information from FUSD.

Paul mentioned the LAUNCH sponsored education advocacy presentation in conjunction with Expect More Arizona on Feb 26h at the East Flagstaff Library from 1:30-3:30pm.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2017 at the United Way of Northern Arizona

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm