

Stafford Childhood Collaborative Serving as the School Readiness Council for Stafford

Mission Statement: To use the strategies identified in the Stafford Community plan to improve outcomes for children by advocating for policies, programs, and coordination of services.

Agenda Wednesday January 26, 2022 5-6 pm ZOOM link to follow

Agenda item	Time	Reported by	Community plan/ School	notes
			Readiness Quality component	
			School Council membership,	Schedule updates for future
Welcome	5 min	Co-chairs	Responsibilities, and the Role of	meetings:
			the Liaison (GP-C-01);	Adult Ed rep
			Liaisons are specifically charged	Transition to K activities
			with the administration,	
			coordination, and evaluation of	
			the School Readiness grant in	
			collaboration with the OEC	
Funded program report	5 min	Anna Gagnon, WSS Principal	SR Component: Program	FY 2021 included supplemental
		Steve Moccio,	Effectiveness	funds. SCC application includes
		Superintendent of Schools	Transition to K plan	review of Learning Experience Plans
2021 supplemental funds;				and the development of templates
moving forward with the		Sandy Fowler		for planning (to be shared with
plan.				community programs as well).

McKinney-Vento update		Jenn Russell, Supervisor	SR School Council membership,	Overview
		Pupil Services	Responsibilities, and the Role of	Stafford data
			the Liaison (GP-C-01)	
STEAM Grant Update	5 min	STEAM admin/staff	SR component: Collaboration	
			Document and implement	
			processes for active	
			collaboration with other	
			community agencies	
Library Update	5 min	Jessica Glazier, Stafford	SR component: Collaboration	
		Library	Document and implement	
			processes for active	
			collaboration with other	
			community agencies	
Early Head Start Update	5 min	Early Head Start	SR component: Collaboration	
			Document and implement	
			processes for active	
			collaboration with other	
			community agencies	
Family Resource Center	5 min	Joann Moriarty, FRC Leader	SR component: Collaboration	
Update			Document and implement	
Update on community			processes for active	
resource brochure			collaboration with other	
			community agencies	
Update on playgroups				
Other Community Agency	5 min	Judy Gardner	SR component: Collaboration	Could the community assessment
Reports		Grace Parrow	Document and implement	report give some information that
Stafford Family Services			processes for active	would be helpful to meeting the
Stafford Community Center			collaboration with other	new legislation that requires the
			community agencies	council to document efforts to
EASTCONN Community		Laura Lybarger		ensure that the racial, ethnic, and
Assessment report				socioeconomic composition of the
				council reflects that of the town?

Scheduling meetings for small group work	5 min		Meeting FY 2022 legislation	•Generate ideas to recruit family members
 JoAnn, Beth and Anna volunteered to meet with Laura and Mandy to address how to best meet legislation (see note column) Other volunteers to serve in this small group are welcome. 				 Create a form to survey current members to identify composition of the group Identify potential business representatives
Update on Communication plan Facebook page	5 min	Laura Lybarger, co-chair	SR component: Parent involvement, parenting education and outreach	
Other business				

The legislation has identified specific requirements for School Readiness programs as part of the continuum of services in quality programs that meet the needs of children and families. These indicators include:

- A plan for collaboration with other community programs and services, including public libraries and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate full-day and year-round child-care and education programs for children of working parents and parents in education or training programs;
- Parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;
- Referrals for health services, including referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings;
- Nutrition services;
- Referrals to family literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;
- Admission policies that promote enrollment of children from different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other communities;
- A plan of transition for participating children from the School Readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer of records from the program to the kindergarten program:
- A plan for professional development for staff;
- A sliding fee scale for families participating in the program;
- An annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the program; and
- A plan to ensure that children with disabilities are integrated into programs with children who are not disabled.