

Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood Early Childhood Advisory Council Data and Shared Accountability Committee 11.12.2021

Mission:

To provide leadership and direction for the Commonwealth by providing a comprehensive and sustainable prenatal to age five system that will ensure a strong foundation for all children.

Discussion:	Decision	Action:
Welcomed committee members, reviewed mission for committee of developing and implementing an accountability plan that incorporates birth-5 milestones and kindergarten readiness rates		NA
Old Business	There were no corrections to the Action Notes	Action Notes from 10.8.2021 were approved
Paula Goff shared information on Child Find; the committee focus was on 0-3. Child Find became law in 1976 Part C in Kentucky is First Steps—it is about-children who are potentially eligible to receive services. Each state sets their own criteria. Under law we are required to make a referral if we see a child eligible for these services.		
Primary Sources for Child Find Health Arena (Hospitals included) Home Visiting Child Protection Services Social Security/Disability		

*Anyone can make a referral, as long as you have the child's name & address Under federal law, you have 7 days to make a referral if you suspect a child needs services.		
At the state level we do 3 things: How did you hear about it? Who made referral? How did that person hear about First Steps?		
Service numbers are down close to 40%this is common across the country (also what they are seeing in Jefferson County Public Schools)	Because of the pandemic, Part C (First Steps) is on a 'rebuilding path'.	
With funding from the American Rescue Act, the Department of Health will be creating some messaging a thinking about a 'child find kit'.		
Excellence in the Field Nancy Combs has been doing this work for 40 years. She considers it a team effort. During the pandemic, they thought 'outside the box' ie- partnered with their local TV station and did a Drive in Movie in the Park. In Nancy's community, it is a 'linked' effort and there is a strong communication loop.	Over the years, proven ways to identify children include: 1. Trust, good relationships 2. Mutual ways to identify children 3. High quality services	
Dr. Matt Berry shared a 'mock'- up and gained feedback.	Mock-up will be shared with committee to gain further input.	•
Danville-Boyle presentation on how they used existing data from the Early Childhood Profile to really 'kick-start' efforts in their community. Their major issue is childcare, so that's where they focused. The process was an iterative process and inclusive of the partners.	There is not a 'playbook' when it comes to improving population-level indicators. Danville-Boyle was inspired by a project in Louisville, but their journey has been very different. The common denominator has been the use of data to drive decision-making. The approach will be different by each county	•

Action Items:	Accountable:	Action:
Provide additional feedback to 'mock-up'	Dr. Berry/Center for Statistics (KYSTATS)	
Develop a soft launch' plan	Prep: Rina Gratz/Amy Neal/Dr. Berry	
Have information available as a pre-read for December meeting	Amy/KY Governor's Office of Early Childhood/Dr. Berry/YSTATS	