

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Connections Matter Committee

COMMITTEE: Connections Matter
MEETING DATE: November 1, 2018

LOCATION: Promise Partners 1st floor Conference Room
Careers Building - Iowa School for the Deaf Campus

Attendees: Grace Tunning- FAMILY Inc First Five, Rachel Zeller- FAMILY Inc Home Visitation, Susan Pawloski- Lutheran Family Services, Erika Kirchhoff- FAMILY Inc. Home Visitation, Jordan Morse- WIC/Child & Family Resource Network, Jessica Rayment- Promise Partners

Introductions

Review of Connections Matter Presentation

Jordan Morse led a short Connections Matter Presentation to the committee.

The following handouts were noted as helpful:

- [Stress and Early Brain Growth](#)
- [Stress and Early Brain Growth](#) –Spanish

White Papers - Depending on the Audience:

- [Connections Matter in Early Education](#)
- [Connections Matter in Education](#)
- [Connections Matter in the Workplace](#)
- [Connections Matter in Health Care](#)
- [Connections Matter in Faith Communities](#)

Depending on the audience, it may be important to do more of a background on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) in the presentation.

The committee decided that it would be best to purchase flash drives to distribute to all presenters. These would contain copies of the PowerPoints, short videos, and handouts. Additional funds could purchase play foam. Jessica Rayment agreed to get flash drives and load materials on to.

Review of Previous Activities

Jordan Morse and Erika Kirchhoff led a 1-Hour Connections Matter Presentation October 20 to child care providers during the Hand in Hand Conference, Southwest Iowa Education of the Young Child. The committee agreed that the presentation would have made more sense later in the day after attendees had heard the ACES Presentation. Promise Partners was given \$165 for a speaker fee; committee decided to use these funds to purchase flash drives and play foam.

Jessica Rayment needs will bring a list of local community members who have been trained as Connections Matter Presenters to the December 2018 meeting.

Upcoming Activities

Jordan Morse agreed to make contact to see about holding a Train the Trainer (not presenter) Training.

Surveys were discussed. In addition to creating a post-survey that will be administered following a Connection Matter Presentation, the group would like to survey others in the community to assess public awareness of ACES and the importance of relationships. Members agreed to bring question ideas to the December 2018 meeting, Grace Tunning agreed to make the survey on an online platform. The committee needs to decide whom will be surveyed in the community—whom the target audience is. Discussed audiences include parents (sent through the schools), businesses, Human Services Advisory Council, and the Promise Partners list serve.

The committee would like to explore follow-up pieces after leading a Connections Matter Committee. This could include a follow-up presentation, planning session, and/or an email to see what audience members have done with the information.

A committee charter and membership agreement were shared. This outlined information regarding the Connections Matter Committee's purpose, goals, meetings, membership, and procedures, including the use of "Fist to Five Consensus" for group decision making. Committee members were asked to sign in agreement.

Next Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:00am -10:30am, located to be determined. It was noted that the Conference Room is already booked, a new location will need to be named.

Connections Matter Committee's Purpose Statement:

Establishing firm foundations, using various public relations and internal connections, we expanded our committee in order to effectively meet the needs of identified communities from the awareness phase to the follow-up, planning documentation and action steps.