

Cluster C Transition and Child Find Meeting
Grant, Wabash, and Miami Counties

Date: 6/16/15

Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Honeywell, Wabash

Members Present: Jodi Curtis (First Steps), Amanda Perkins (First Steps), Bailey Maxwell (Early Head Start Miami County), Robyn Culley (Early Head Start Grant County), Amy Ellis (Homefront Family Services), Lily Osborn (First Steps)

Meeting minutes from 3/16/15 not available. Lily will e-mail. Minutes will be passed if there are no responses for corrections.

Marion Office is now open.

Three Service Coordinators are leaving. Two are going back to school and one is choosing to stay home after maternity leave. SPOE is actively looking for a Service Coordinator for Grant County. Danielle will be going to Allen County.

Discussion regarding the difficulty of LEA's attending meetings in the summer and new dates were considered: February, May, August, and November. Decision will be made at the full council meeting tomorrow.

Discussion regarding lower than usual referrals in Grant County. Drug use is increasing. Low referrals from Marion General Hospital NICU. Robyn Culley has been invited by Dr. Fox to speak with the doctors regarding First Steps referrals at a monthly meeting in July. Division of Children's Services is referring, especially if the child is in Foster Care. Young infants with drug exposure often don't qualify. Families are encouraged to re-contact. Committee inquired if the SPOE can contact the families as these are the infants often at highest risk due to drug exposure and follow through from families to re-contact may be poor. Families are informed about Early Head Start and referrals are made if the family signs consent.

Miami and Wabash DCS referrals are low. Discussion about the need for training for DCS caseworkers. Kaeliegh will contact.

Homefront has hired an OT for Wabash and a COTA for Miami and Grant. Grant County has all services except for a full time PT. There are two DT-C. Will have a therapist with swallowing expertise in July.

No LEAs were present to no preschool report.

Kaeliegh went to Bona Vista in Kokomo for Denver screenings on 4/29/15 and to Taylor University in Upland for the Autism Fair on 4/13/15.

Grant County Fall Fest Health Fair will be on 10/1/15 at the River Community Church in Marion from 4:00-7:00. Free Denver and Hearing screenings will be offered.

There is an Autism clinic in Ft. Wayne. More information will be sent to members.

Discussion regarding the need for Wabash County representation at Committee meetings.

Next Committee meeting 9/14/15 at Honeywell in Wabash at 10:00 am.

Next Council meeting 9/15/15 at Possibilities Northeast at 4935 Hillegas Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808