

Transition & Child Find Committee - Grant, Miami, and Wabash counties

08/17/2016

10:07am – 10:40am

Meeting participants: Kaeleigh Porter (LPCC Coordinator), Amy Ellis (Homefront), Goldie Reynolds (First Steps Service Coordinator), Amanda Perkins (SPOE Intake Coordinator), Jodi Curtis (SPOE Coordinator Supervisor), Laura Fulton (Pipe Creek Elementary Principal), Donna Fawcett (North Miami LEA)

Kaeleigh Porter welcomed the committees and introductions were made.

Committee members reviewed the meeting minutes from May 2016. There were no changes that needed to be made in the minutes. Laura Fulton motioned to accept the minutes; Amy Ellis seconded the motion.

Updates:

First Steps: Jodi Curtis reported on updates within First Steps. Jodi stated that parent referrals and referrals in general have increased. Jodi reported that June and August have been very busy.

Schools:

North Miami: Donna Fawcett was present to report for North Miami. Donna stated that their developmental preschool is up and running again with 3 children enrolled and more entering soon. She stated that the classroom is taught by Brittany Fewell and it runs from 8:30am to 11:00am. Brittany will not be able to be present the first two weeks of school so Jan Elias will be there to start off the school year.

Maconaquah: Laura Fulton reported that they earned an expansion grant from the State so they have added a half day classroom. Amy Ellis asked if they notice that children have been missing out on early intervention services. Laura stated that they have noticed that some children are missed along the way and that they receive late referrals. Laura stated that their kindergarten classrooms this year have 135 children in them and preschool/Head Start has 90 children. Laura stated that she feels that the missing children are due to lack of parental follow through.

Head Start:

No one was present to report.

Early Head Start:

No one was present to report.

Agencies:

Homefront: Amy Ellis reports that they have had a PTA quit and a PT has taken over half of their caseload. Amy is focused currently on hiring PT/PTA's and ST's.

Preschools:

No one present to report.

Transition Events: Kaeleigh Porter reported on the LPCC Events that she has been actively participating in and the upcoming events. Kaeleigh reported that the DSANI Buddy Walk is Saturday, September 10th at Parkview Field in Fort Wayne; on Sunday, September 11th the Autism Acceptance Walk is taking place at the Allen County Fairgrounds; there is a Transition Fair at Adams Central High School for Adams and Wells counties on September 24th; and on September 29th there is the Early Head Start/Head Start Fall Health and Safety Festival at River Community Church in Marion.

Kaeleigh asked if anyone had any remaining questions or topics to discuss. Laura Fulton asked Kaeleigh if she could send some First Steps information to her for kindergarten round-up. The committees had no further questions or concerns. Donna Fawcett motioned to end the meeting; Laura Fulton seconded.

Meeting adjourned.