



Attendees: See meeting Sign-In Sheets

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00am

Agenda was adopted & approved by unanimous vote.

Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

NHSA - Panel Presentation

Amy Corriveau – City of Phoenix

Natalie Alvarez – Greater Phoenix Urban League

Moe Gallegos – AHSA Director

- Congressional Visits took place. Topic of discussion was the Quality Improvement Fund & focus on environments, safety & infrastructure building.
- National Dialogue Topics/Trainings:
 - Workforce: difficulty in finding staff. Currently 5.8 million jobs available in the U.S. with a 62% labor participation rate. It's a competitive choice environment. Programs need to look at marketing to potential employees about purpose & flexibility options.
 - Relationship in Child Welfare: working on getting some powerful research on correlations with Head Start to the Directors.
 - Opioid Addiction: providing supports from Head Start programs to families.
 - Overarching Theme: When Head Start is involved – things get better.

DES Expulsion & Suspension Prevention

Rose Phillips, – Southwest Human Development

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Video Presentation:
 - PreventExpulsion.org
- Children under 12 months of age being expelled for behavior
- AZ STEPS Program
 - Is for Caregivers of 0-12 year olds
- A Bill is currently in the State House to stop expulsions from happening in the State – would impact everyone – not just DES Child Care
- Children are not expelled when the family & staff have a working relationship together – may not always be an appropriate setting, but not expulsion
- Promoting Self Care – we can't take it all in so this is vital to staff

HSCCO Update/ADE Update:

Nicol Russell – Arizona Department of Education (ADE)

- Long Range Goals:
 - Az. Early Education Expulsion Study (Preliminary Brief)
 - Focus on most current information & data at that time
 - Identifying gaps that may be in existence
 - Raising up promising practices
 - Will be focusing in on HS/EHS programs in the near future

- Has met with Joey Taylor from ADE to how we can increase our work together with children & families in the foster care system – Joey in attendance today at AHSA.
- ADE working with FTF in Early Intervention Training Work
- Kindergarten Developmental Inventory (KDI) –
 - 2477 children will be utilizing the KDI.
 - Original projections were only 500 children
- Updates:
 - PDG – received 1.3 million dollars in this supplemental grant. Will be using the monies to support infrastructure building.
 - Continued data integration with ReadOn Az & report development
 - Professional Development opportunities for Teachers, Community Trainers, Coaching & T/TA Roles
 - Secure 3 contractors for:
 - PDG Evaluation Project
 - KDI Project
 - OnSite coaching & support
 - Access to the MapLit Software – how will programs be able to access to that?
 - Developers will be making that data available to everyone.
 - The analysis will be taken further and is still being worked on with details & planning with the developer. AHSA will be kept up-to-date on the progress.
 - Pyramid Models:
 - Working on 3 models
 - 1st model is complete
 - Will be launched at a Social Emotional Conference being launched in the Fall
 - STAR Professional Development being conducted regionally
 - 1 or 2 day options available

CLASS Inquiry:

Patricia Valenzuela – Project Manager Arizona Department of Education (ADE)

- Utilizing CLASS observations from Head Start classrooms
- Currently working with Erin Lyons (CPC) & Mindy Zapata (SWHD) & other people at SWHD
- How can we work together to match-up and gain efficiencies?
- A Survey Monkey will be sent out to Head Start programs on how CLASS observations are conducted in HS programs.
 - Use of data
 - Observer reliability
- Quality First Redesign-
 - Currently recruiting 80 participants – currently has 74 programs that have committed
 - Still looking for 4 home site programs in the designated counties to potentially participate
 - Working on baseline assessments with 40 assessments currently – remaining sites will be conducted shortly.
 - Will be trying out a new system that is similar to Performance Standards to use as a framework for high quality early childhood development.
 - Currently being built at the statewide level
 - Will the Quality Rating be assigned in the QRIS system for programs participating in the Redesign process? – Yes – the system is different from the current process and programs have the opportunity to decide when they are ready to be assessed.

STG-TTA Updates

Laura Landis - STG

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Coaching Network has now grown
 - March 19th is next meeting. Currently looking for space.

- 2-Day Coaching Training will be coming to Arizona during the first 2 weeks in May. This is the training that was offered in May in Los Angeles, CA.
- Home Base Network is being started.
 - Child Crisis Arizona is hosting: March 9th from 9am – Noon
- Region 9 Training & Technical Assistance Plan:
 - Looking at designing a yearly plan for programs. Will be completed at the next School Readiness Call and data will be kept on this for programs. Trying to simplify paper and numerous plans in place.
 - School Readiness calls to be completed by the end of April.
 - Topics: (no set questions)
 - Curriculum Fidelity & Data
 - Promoting Social-Emotional Well-Being
 - Quality Interactions
 - Coaching

MAN CAVE Summit

Marion Hill, City of Phoenix

- Men All Need to be Caring, Actively-Engaged, Vested, and Encouraged
- 2018 Fatherhood Summit: April 19-20th at the Phoenix Convention Center
 - 2018mancavesummit.eventbrite.com

