



Arizona Head Start Association

Disabilities & Mental Health Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: 2/9/2023 Time: 1:04 – 2:30 PM	Location: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85750774786?pwd=SDV3eU9ZVXRqVGVHQRqpbWVJc3pDZz09 Meeting ID: 857 5077 4786 Passcode: 725916		
Committee Chair: Ana Herron-Valenzuela Committee Vice Chair: Rosemary Sigala			
<u>COMMITTEE HEAD START MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>			
Alhambra Head Start:	Catholic Charities West Side Head Start: Clarissa Tudela	Chicanos Por La Causa: Maria Pimentel Paola Ayala	Child Crisis Arizona: Khadijah Daniels
Child-Parent Centers:	City of Phoenix: Ana Herron-Valenzuela Rosemary Sigala	Deer Valley Head Start:	Fowler Head Start:
Greater Phoenix Urban League Head Start:	Maricopa County: Deserie Hightower Patricia Iniguez	Northern Arizona Council Of Government:	Pinal Gila Community Child Service:
Southwest Human Development:	Urban Strategies: Judy O'Toole	Washington Head Start:	Western Arizona Council of Government: Kyla Hernandez
<u>COMMITTEE COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Caroline Nailor-Oglesby AzEIP, Erica Melies AzEIP, Lisa Vallee AzEIP, Erika Argueta ADE Early Childhood Specialist			

COMMITTEE HEAD START & COMMUNITY PARTNER MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUEST/VISITOR:

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: March 9, 2023

Topic	Presenter	Minutes										
1) Call Meeting to order & Agenda Revision	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm.										
2) Committee Updates (election, request for support, etc)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Caroline Nailor-Oglesby introduced Erica Melies, Quality Improvement Manager with AzEIP, and Lisa Vallee. Lisa just started working at the AzEIP office four days ago. Lisa is the statewide Community Liaison.										
3) Head Start Programs Updates: Pyramid Model Implementation Status by agency	All Committee Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Pyramid Model Project [azed.gov] <div data-bbox="816 760 1656 1200" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"><p>Statewide Leadership Team for Pyramid Model Implementation</p><table><tbody><tr><td>AZ Department of Education</td><td>First Things First</td></tr><tr><td>AZ Department of Economic Security Division of Childcare AZ Early Intervention</td><td>AZ Department of Child Safety</td></tr><tr><td>AZ Department of Health Services Bureau of Women and Children's Health Office of Children's Health Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity</td><td>Northern AZ University Institute of Human Development</td></tr><tr><td>Read On Arizona</td><td>AZ Head Start Association</td></tr><tr><td>Navajo Nation Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services</td><td>AZ Public Broadcasting Station</td></tr></tbody></table></div> <p>The state of Arizona has created a statewide leadership team to help programs implement the pyramid model. Jessica Rivera-Garcia is representing Head Start on the Leadership Team. The team will meet monthly. Ana surveyed members present, who is using the pyramid model?</p>	AZ Department of Education	First Things First	AZ Department of Economic Security Division of Childcare AZ Early Intervention	AZ Department of Child Safety	AZ Department of Health Services Bureau of Women and Children's Health Office of Children's Health Bureau of Nutrition and Physical Activity	Northern AZ University Institute of Human Development	Read On Arizona	AZ Head Start Association	Navajo Nation Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services	AZ Public Broadcasting Station
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Chicanos Por La Causa	Working towards full implementation
Child Crisis Arizona	Yes
Child-Parent Centers	
City of Phoenix	Yes
Maricopa County	Yes
Pinal Gila Community Child Services	Yes
Southwest Human Development	
Urban Strategies Early Head Start	
Western Arizona Council of Governments	Yes

Let Ana know if your agency uses the Pyramid Model or if the information is not correct.

Rosemary Sigala: Would like to schedule a meeting outside of the committee meeting schedule to talk with other programs about their referral and overall processes. To gain ideas, tips and discuss use of data.

Erika Argueta would like to be invited to this meeting.

Further discussion, how do you use and review the TPOT assessment? How are using data?

- Schedule a separate meeting to discuss
- Complaints from team members, the interview takes too long, questions are redundant, teachers seem annoyed
- WACOG/ Kyla: use the short form, the long form was taking too long, use data to determine the training needed based on low scores with CEFL resources
 - At the end of the year CLASS Scores to determine coaching as a parallel process with the Education Coaches

10 Percent Enrollment Requirement Status by Agency		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use self-assessment information to determine where improvements can be made to this process. <p>Ana surveyed members, has your agency met the 10 percent enrollment requirement?</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="772 240 2020 1047"> <tr> <td>Catholic Charities Westside Head Start</td> <td>Yes, both EHS and HS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chicanos Por La Causa</td> <td>No, parents decline AzEIP services because providers only offer virtual services instead of in-person. Parents don't feel children make gains with virtual services.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child Crisis Arizona</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Child-Parent Centers</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>City of Phoenix</td> <td>No, both EHS/CCP and HS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maricopa County</td> <td>EHS no, HS yes Staff shortage, can't open classrooms, long waitlist for Child Find referrals with Mesa School District. Mesa SD hired additional staff to conduct evaluations on Saturdays.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pinal Gila Community Child Services</td> <td>EHS no</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Southwest Human Development</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Urban Strategies Early Head Start</td> <td>No, staff shortage, can't open classrooms.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Western Arizona Council of Governments</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> </table> <p>Let Ama know if your agency made the 10 percent or not or if the information is not correct.</p>	Catholic Charities Westside Head Start	Yes, both EHS and HS	Chicanos Por La Causa	No, parents decline AzEIP services because providers only offer virtual services instead of in-person. Parents don't feel children make gains with virtual services.	Child Crisis Arizona	No	Child-Parent Centers		City of Phoenix	No, both EHS/CCP and HS	Maricopa County	EHS no, HS yes Staff shortage, can't open classrooms, long waitlist for Child Find referrals with Mesa School District. Mesa SD hired additional staff to conduct evaluations on Saturdays.	Pinal Gila Community Child Services	EHS no	Southwest Human Development		Urban Strategies Early Head Start	No, staff shortage, can't open classrooms.	Western Arizona Council of Governments	Yes
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4) Community Partners Updates	Caroline, Lisa and	Committee members are still hearing from families that AzEIP services are only being offered as virtual; this includes the initial visit, evaluation, and ongoing services.																				

AzEIP services	Erica (AzEIP Staff)	<p>Per Caroline, the expectation is that AzEIP services are taking place in person. Services are only offered virtually if the family requests them. Caroline advised us to help families escalate (this issue and any other) within the AzEIP provider; go beyond the service coordinator. Contact the supervisor or director.</p> <p>Options to elevate issues directly with the AzEIP office if the problem persists/can't connect with the AzEIP provider. Families can</p> <p>Go to AzEIP website, use the contact button: https://des.az.gov/services/developmental-disabilities/early-intervention/contact</p> <p>or email: AzEIPQualityImprovement@azdes.gov</p> <p>Early Intervention Program and Referral Contact List: https://des.az.gov/sites/default/files/media/AzEIP-EIP-and-Referral-Contact-List.pdf?time=1629742030036</p> <p>AzEIP Numbers from Caroline 5,600 active IFSPs every month</p> <p>When making AzEIP referrals Add EHS as the referral source when making a referral. AzEIP is going to start tracking children who have an IFSP and are in EHS Do our programs track when AzEIP refers a family to EHS? Yes, most coordinators track via an excel spreadsheet.</p> <p>When making a referral online, please send a secured email to RSK with attachments (screening information, hearing, and vision). RSK passes the information along to the assigned AzEIP provider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Members discussed struggles in obtaining IFSPs and other general information from AzEIP providers/service coordinators. We discussed creating a master contact list of AzEIP providers/supervisor/service coordinators by region like the master DDD contact list we have.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members can share the contact information they have for AzEIP providers and Ana will add it to the strategic plan tracker as a new tab.
5) Strategic Plan Updates	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana emailed the committee the 2023 Action plan, and Strategic Plan Tracker. Members can email Ana if anything needs to be added. Analyze Disabilities and Mental Health PIR data by agency We are out of time. Ana will email out the PIR data, member to review and be ready to discuss during next meeting.
6) Next Meeting	Ana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next committee meeting falls on the same day as the 2023 Summit for Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special and General Education. We need to pick a new date. Ana will send out an email. <p>https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/2023-summit-early-intervention%2%A0early-childhood-special%2%A0and-general-education</p>
7) Adjourn	Ana	Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.
Minutes taken by: Ana Herron-Valenzuela		