**NHECC Infant and Toddler Committee meeting**

**June 8, 2016**

**UWGNH**

NHECC Result: All New Haven children, birth through 8, are healthy, safe, thriving in nurturing families and prepared to be successful lifelong learners.

Infant-Toddler Committee Result: The city’s most vulnerable families and caregivers have the knowledge and skills to support their children’s development beginning at birth.

Agenda

1. Introductions
   1. Attendance: Christina Nelson, Heidi Madera, Ebony Manning, Betsey Weber, Kathy Hagearty, Elisabeth Teller, Sadie Witherspoon, Mona Scales, Fred Acquavita, Randi McCray, Janet Alfano
2. Quick recap of work to date-follow up from May’s meeting.
   1. Action items from May’s meeting with Rev. Eldred Morrison, Varick AME Zion and Rev. Dr. Rochelle Stackhouse, Church of the Redeemer.
      1. Kathy H. to send meeting summary to above.
   2. Key points from the May meeting and discussion from June meeting for further action from IT Committee
      1. Churches wanted more information about early childhood; including resources and just general information about developmental milestones in an easy to read/simple format to be able to share.
      2. There are over 500 parishes of varying sizes and locations throughout New Haven. We need to be targeted in our approach based on our (NHECC and/or IT committee) capacity.
         1. Action item: Overlay the list of the 500 faith based organizations with our pre-k experience mapping project in order to engage the churches in the communities where pre-k experience was the lowest.
         2. Once those churches have been identified, look within our NHECC family to determine if there are existing relationships with those churches and members.
         3. Work to establish and/or further enhance relationships with NHECC and those churches. Ask church leaders what they see the most pressing needs of the families of young children are.

This led us to an in-depth discussion about what type of resource materials do we want to provide to the church leaders and what other resources/organizations we could promote as options. The following is a list of some of the options we discussed:

1. Could we use Family Resource Centers as a hub for resource sharing?
   1. There was lots of discussion on this issue. Mostly around what the model of FRC’s is and what the actual practice currently is and what the capacity is.
   2. Action step: Invite Lensley Gay to come and talk to our committee to answer: What are the current services/resources/referrals available? What are FRC’s capacity? From where does the Directory of Resources originate? How often is it updated? Who holds that responsibility?
2. Next point of discussion: Information should be available at multiple touch points. More people should have access electronically. This led to a discussion of duplication of efforts and 211. Why re-invent something that already exists?
   1. Action Item: IT Committee to test accessing CDI/211 to access a wide variety of services for families by different indicators to see if it is easy to navigate and if parents and staff can get information on resources. We need to get Room B for July meeting to accommodate our tech needs.
   2. Invite Corina Duplesis to come to IT meeting after IT Committee tests site. Give her our questions and opportunities for future work on 211.
3. Follow-up on screening work, and advocating for better data collection and sharing between organizations.
   1. Initial focus of discussion was on multiple disconnected efforts of organizations/initiatives around screening. How does IT committee work in this space? How do we insure that we are adding to instead of duplicating existing efforts?
   2. More committee focus on what’s next. Some ideas from discussion:
      1. Potential Areas of focus
         1. Use of resources
         2. Capacity of resource provider
         3. Availability of resources
         4. Knowledge and information sharing of existing resources
         5. Keeping focus on what families need, what parents prefer, what is best for client, relationships with families
4. Committee direction & next steps
   1. How do we insure IT connection to broader NHECC and Greater New Haven community work?
      1. Folk from the committee want to insure that Infant and Toddlers Committee work is fully emphasized and integrated in the broader council discussions. IT Committee will work to advocate for this. Also, IT committee will advocate to promote council initiatives and spending around work that directly relates to and impacts our core committee and council objectives.
5. Thank you all!!