igrow Central Illinois Home Visiting Collaborative

April 17, 2024, Wednesday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Family Center, 233 Leadley, East Peoria, IL 61611

WELCOME, introductions and a round of questions, led by Chris Heider

REFERRALS: Mar. 2024: 49 received (incl. 17 from Family Connects and 13 from WIC); 6 keepers

C.I. for Intensive Home Visiting sent 50 outgoing referrals as of April 11.

Quick review of IRIS process for referrals [See accompanying page on this.]

--Chris emphasized the importance of consistent communication among agencies.

--Anni shared that we are starting a Spanish-speaking prenatal group soon in Peoria. We are also meeting with Tazewell County doulas and Pekin Heartland today to discuss prenatal group further.

Final presentation of new, more concise CIAT which includes updates from recent suggestions for improvements. It is now fillable and very user-friendly. [See attached CIAT.]

Kelly Gibler gave a presentation on Purple Crying, which is a project through the Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention organization. Remind our families that it is very normal for young babies to cry but will not be able to be soothed. The acronym for **PURPLE** stands for **P**eak, **U**nexpected, **R**esists soothing, **P**ain, **L**ong-lasting, **E**vening, **P**eriod = your baby’s crying has a beginning and an end. Magnets and flyers were distributed. [See attached.]

Agency updates/announcements: Huge shoutout to Kelly Gibler of Family Connects—March marked the one-year anniversary of Parent & Baby Socials which saw more than 240 mom and baby interactions over the past year. They meet on Thursdays for two hours at the Peoria Playhouse Children’s Museum in Glen Oak Park.

We are in the middle of Child Abuse Prevention month. Past events attended include:

--On Sun. April 14, Chris and Anni attended the Race for Maternal Health 5K race & 1K walk on Southwest Water Street in Peoria.

--On Tues. April 16, Chris and Kelly attended the Early Childhood Advocacy Day in Springfield.

Upcoming events in the Peoria and Tazewell areas include:

Tues. April 30—Home Visitor Appreciation Day at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9 – 11 a.m.

Thurs. May 2—Pekin #108 Fun Fair, 5 – 6 p.m.

Sat. May 11—PNC Worldwide Day of Play, Glen Oak Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sun. June 2—Spanish Community Outreach Event, Logan Park, 1-4 p.m. If your agency plans to participate in this event, please have representatives who speak Spanish, and who can share about their agency’s Spanish-speaking services. Also have your handouts in Spanish.

*The next C.I. Collaborative meeting will be: Wed., May 15, at the WrapAround Center, 1419 S. Folkers, Peoria, 9 a.m.*

*(Go to the back of the Trewyn building to enter the WrapAround Center)*

* ***There will be no meetings in June or July.***

April 17 c.i. iGrow IL Home Visiting Collaborative Attendees:

Chris Heider – c.i. igrow / CHAiL

Anni Reinking – Prevention Services / CHAiL

Abbey Powers – Bright Futures

Arnecia Robertson – Center for Prevention of Abuse / Safe from the Start

Michelle Compton – WIC / PCCHD

Kelly Gibler – Family Connects / CHAiL

Helen ONeal – Prevention Services / CHAiL

Erica Strunk – LIC / CICFA

Matt Collins – FES / AOK & TCHD

Rachel Morgan – FCM / TCHD

Aiyana Ross – TASC / FCM

Shawna Phelps – PI Coordinator, Crittenton

Yeni Rodriguez – CHAIL / Prevention Services

April Hudson – Boys’ and Girls’ Club

Vanita Hollingsworth – CHAIL / Prevention Services