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**Peoria Area Coordinated Intake Home Visiting Collaborative**

**Wednesday March 19, 2025 9-10:00am**

**Bright Futures 1230 West Candletree Ave Peoria, IL**

**In Attendance:** Chris Heider, Erin Stout, Kerri Berry, Bri Martin, Anni Reinking, Sarah Williams, Sierra Key, Sierra Key, Erica Strenk, Amy Sloan-Gray, Matt Collins, Penny Wells, Vanita Hollingsworth, Felicia Murray, V Bybee, A. Navarro, Erin Miller, Anna Hansard, Vanessa Sundell

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Icebreaker: Puzzle Activity
3. What is Coordinated Intake:
4. Coordinated Intake (or CI) is a collaborative process (and person) that provides families with a single point of entry (or hub) for home visiting programs within a neighborhood, city, town, suburb or county. ​

**The main objective of the Central Illinois Coordinated Intake is to process, monitor and track referrals to home visiting programs in the Peoria area.** CI accomplishes this through outreach and engagement with those families in the community who would most benefit from home visiting and at the same time build relationships within the community, including agencies that provide CI with referrals, HV programs that receive those referrals and some that do both. ​

1. February Referrals
   1. 65 Referrals
   2. 22 Keepers
   3. 4 Rejected (already enrolled in IHV program)
   4. PCCEO gets the crown for this month
2. Keepers
   1. Process is going much better – second most keepers ever
   2. Refresher – Keepers are referrals you (IHV agencies) have acquired by your own hard work in the community (ie referrals you have gotten through your agency’s outreach and engagement).
   3. Any questions please reach out to Chris
3. The VOICE of the caregiver and the agency
   1. Bright Futures
      1. Shared a short video of an overview of their agency
      2. 4 home visitors (max at 16 families)
      3. Activities with families
         1. Most recent event at Peoria Playhouse
            1. Prescription to Play (Jordan Meeks) – they can get a membership for $7
         2. Give out Diapers
         3. 2 groups a month: 6-12 families participate
            1. Do allow community involvement in groups
      4. Recruitment -They can tap into the families that participate in their pre-k program – because of this they do not see many declines
      5. Some reasons for decline
         1. Because of work schedule
         2. Other life circumstances with other kids

* + 1. Innovative Successes
       1. IMHC – supporting the family educators (reflective supervision)
       2. Baby Bucks – incentive purchased, had to be linked to goal
          1. How they got bucks

Keep Visit

Group

Filled out forms etc

* + - 1. Groups that are open to the community provides a good face to face
    1. Struggles
       1. Transportation – no longer have the funds to rent a bus and leadership no longer allows home visitors to pick up families
    2. Video based on the results of a google survey given to parents filled with great feedback

1. Upcoming Events
   1. 3/19 -Healthy Minds, Healthy Neighborhoods (2nd Session tonight) 5pm @ Playhouse
   2. 4/3 Pinwheel for Prevention Event @ Crittendon
   3. 4/7 – PCHD Event
   4. 4/12 – Carver Center Easter Egg Ext
   5. 4/13- Maternal Walk
   6. 4/25 Understanding Childhood Trauma – target audience anyone working with families; Matt will send out registration
   7. 4/26 – YMCA Healthy Kids Day
   8. 5/6 (2:15-4:00) – Film Screening at Library about Maternal Mental Health: “No One Told Me” @ Main Library in Auditorium
   9. 5/10 – PNC
   10. 5/13+14- Two-day training on play therapy, how to teach play to families (2nd day open to caregivers, home visitors etc) Matt will send out information on this
   11. 6/1- Spanish Collaborative Resource Event
   12. 6/5 – Townhall on Mental Health at North Branch Library
   13. Home Visitor appreciation breakfast on 4/30 – invitations available for any staff that has not received an invite – they must RSVP or they will not be allowed in; Please send in pictures of your staff for the appreciation slideshow
   14. Anni asked if there is any interest in having a Community Baby Shower in the spring
       1. March/ Early April seemed to be the consensus
       2. Suggested getting Nancy with SIDS of Illinois
   15. Erin is looking at doing a Safe Sleep event in October
   16. Wiggle Worms at North Library – all information on website; there are activities at all the libraries for young children
2. Grow With Me (3-5) – this is transitioning from ROE to Children’s Home, please give Chris and Anni some grace as they get this process figured out
3. Next Meeting is April 16 9:00am at PCCEO on Abingdon