



COLLABORATIVE FOR COLCHESTER'S CHILDREN

October 22, 2021

**Leadership Work Group Meeting
Cragin Memorial Library & Google Meet
9:00-10:30am**

Attendance: Michele Brezniak (Hartford Healthcare), Beth Tiezzi, Abigail Dunbar-Willbanks, Regina Brady, Kate Byroade, Stefanie Calash, Brittany Hebert, Cindy Praisner, Laurie Buyniski, Jennifer Rummel, Julia Lash, Sharon Wiliniski, Sue Hickey, Nicole Sargent, Tiffany Quinn

C3 Orientation Materials - Members reviewed and offered feedback on the draft of Orientation Materials. Plan to provide this document to new members in order to explain the history and current status of the C3 organization. Also, as an About C3 document on the website. Feedback on embedding links within the online version of the document as well as a hard copy with QR code, directing the reader to the website.

Elevator Speech - Members used a template to revamp elevator speech considering different audiences such as parents and partners.

C3 is a community partnership to help strengthen families with young children in Colchester by (encouraging confident parenting, building skills of resilience, and fostering parenting peers) through free parenting workshops, Play & Learn Groups, and connection to resources.

Community Plan Review - Members reviewed C3's Community Plan strategies and actions in order to update what we are doing or should be doing as related to the seven areas. Members agreed to work on various sections and follow up with C. Praisner on their findings. See link included here:

https://dbc3aaa4-86d9-4550-8f7b-28696886ac61.filesusr.com/ugd/fe80be_89e28421cb6846d99030b7d7efe6ae60.pdf

C3 Updates - C. Praisner updated members on the status of C3 programming (Joyful Noises, New Baby & Me class, Village Group, Circle of Security, Prenatal Series) as well as LECC Grant projects (PEP Reunion, Marketing), Meet the Candidates event.

Partner Updates -

Cragin Memorial Library - K. Byroade and J. Rummel attended Family Place Training last month. They took away many great ideas from the training which they will begin to implement at Cragin including a Parent/Child Workshop/Playgroup which would involve specialists in areas such as speech, nutrition, childhood development and music & movement. Plan to offer this program next year. They thank C3 for sponsoring their participation.

Parent Council - A. Dunbar-Willbanks and J. Lash have organized a Fall Family event to take place on Tuesday, November 2nd, 9-11AM at Ruby Cohen with crafts, scavenger hunt and free book giveaway.

CASTLE - 30th Anniversary celebration has been rescheduled for April 30th, 2022. All programs are currently full.

Budget Update - C. Praisner reviewed the 21-22 budget.

Opportunities to Participate:

Looking for parents to join School Readiness Council, 5 meetings throughout the year on Thursday evenings 5:30-7PM

Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

December 3

January 21

March 4

May 6

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