

Early Learn Environment WG

6.13.23

Welcome

In Attendance: RUMC - Trauma Center, QualitySTARS, MetroPlusHealth, LINC, PDI

Kindergarten Transitioning Initiative

- Updates
 - Educators Activate
 - Held virtually on June 9
 - Over 23 educators and early learn providers attended
 - Creating an opportunity to hold two events yearly for teachers and providers to come together
 - Give some of the feedback over to the Parent WG, specifically the feedback on independence
 - Make sure they understand the importance of, and benefits of consistent attendance
 - Parents act like kindergarten is not mandatory
 - Social emotional needs are neglected
 - Have a Kindergarten teacher come down to the preK class and give a little lesson to prepare the incoming students
 - Invite the parents as well
- See what DOE has on the importance of kindergarten to spread to Parent WG for them to disseminate to other parents

- Use social media to spread message
- During school events - make announcement regarding importance of kindergarten and other affiliated topics
 - Reach out to the schools
 - We Got Your Back Event
 - June 16 @ PS 18
 - Remind to be sent out later today (June 13)
 - Moving into Kindergarten folders to be given out
 - Each table will have one piece of the school supply list to be given out to the families
 - At the end of the event the incoming students will have lunch with the current K students
 - Group photo will be taken at the end of the event
 - August 3rd @ PS 21
 - Hunger Free NYC has 11 volunteers for the event who speak various languages
- Possible commercial or skit
 - Skit on coming on time to class (preK or K) - show the benefits and what the child could miss if they consistently come late
- Host a We Got Your Back Event at the Mariner's Harbor Library to reach the intended number of children
 - Reach out to parent coordinator of PS 44 for the kindergarten list and spread the word to the families about the event
 - Will take place later in august

Early Intervention Equity Project

- Learn the Signs, Act Early
 - Contacts will be sending in the the resources for the folder
 - Elizabeth Martinez - EI Regional Director on SI
 - Bank Street College - CUNY
 - Early Intervention Forum
 - BEI
 - Data walkthrough - Knowledge Sharing WG
 - Target audience: Parents (current EI parents, future EI parents, past EI parents)
 - Provide bus service for parents to attend the event
 - Pickup / drop off spots
 - Schools or centers that the families are familiar with
 - Possible locations : Hilton or UFT
 - UNECE families
 - Reach out to elected officials to make them aware of the issue and have them join
 - Kamillah Hanks
 - SI Borough President
 - Charles Fall
 - Sarah Blass - has a workshop on the EI process
 - Could invite to be apart of the forum
 - Advocates for Children of New York- work closely with CCC
 - Offer ages and stages questionnaire / referral form
 - Policy and Advocacy WG - work on reaching out to advocacy agencies and see what forms and etc. will be needed
 - **Focus on breaking the stigma**

Partner Updates



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- Please share services and upcoming events
 - LINC
 - Nick Jr: Beyond the Backpack, bilingual book to give to parents to help both parents and students ready for school setting
 - Link will be shared to SIA
 - New Logo incoming
 - PS 18 on 6/23/23

Closing

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- Next Meeting: July 11, 2023