

Policy & Advocacy WG

9.7.23

Welcome

In Attendance: A Chance in Life, Make the Road NY, PDI

Updates

- Let's Talk Early Intervention @ Seamen's Society
 - Entire session was recorded
 - 9 families were in attendance
 - One parent who could not attend in person will be writing a letter for the Alliance to share
 - Feedback on Findings
 - Make re-evaluations more accessible
 - Possibly automatic re-evaluations
 - Have the re-evaluations sooner
 - Increase the eligibility % range
- Invite members of this WG to present at the Steering Committee

Early Intervention Equity Project

- Policy Paper
 - Questions to keep in mind when creating a Policy Paper:
 - What are [we] hoping this Policy Paper will achieve?
 - What has been presented in the past in regards to EI?
 - **Short blurbs, bullet points, minimal data, white space**
- Feedback on shared Policy Paper documents:



- Knowing the correct jargon to use to best convey information [we] are looking to convey so our target audience understands
 - Do not overwhelm the paper with too much data as to not overwhelm our audience
- Use the feedback given during Let's Talk Conversations to form the Policy Paper
- 1. **Raising awareness in regards to parents rights around the EI process**
 - **Have an information session on EI for parents when they are beginning the process - Money should be allocated to create an awareness campaign regarding Early Intervention**
 - Create a youtube video
 - Host a panel
 - Post the marketing in the SIA EI hub on the website so parents can be referred there by doctors, family, etc
- 2. **Length of the process**
 - The entire process is meant to take 45 days, yet many parents waited from 2mos to 1 year from evaluation to services
- 3. **Knowing parents can be re-evaluated**
- Middle ground can be provided by CBOs
 - A safe place for parents can bring their children to meet with providers to perform evaluations
- **Raising awareness will help show parents who are hesitant regarding EI that it is in their child's best interest**
- Next Steps:
 - **Send qualitative and quantitative data**
 - **Policy Points and recommendations**
 - EI Awareness flyer "Don't be Afraid to Ask" ; "Learn the Signs, Act Early" (milestones)
 - 9/27/23 - P&A member will present to the Steering Committee what this WG has been working on



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- Next Meeting: October 19, 2023 @ 9-10AM