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## Early Learn Environment WG

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9.12.23

In Attendance: DOHMH, Healthy Families, SI POUCH, PDI, UNECE, RUMC  
Trauma Center, INCLUDEnyc, Parent to Parent, Quality STARS, RUMC  
Welcome

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- Ice breaker: What is the earliest book you remember?

### Discussion

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- 8th Annual Early Childhood Enrollment Event
  - Tentative Dates: 3/2, 3/9 2024
    - 12pm-4pm tentative time frame
    - Possibly morning timeframe if available
  - How to obtain services / How to go about it? - Give parents information
    - Give parents multiple options on how to obtain services
  - Space within the facility to host a workshop for parents
    - Short intro session on what is EI/CPSE? Q&A
    - Use partitions in the gallery to have a space for providers and parents to have a space to have a conversation
    - At least 2 providers will be in attendance to help facilitate
    - Length of conversations can be an issue, as can lack of childcare support during conversations
      - Make clear to the parent that the space provided is for an overview of services not in depth conversations and have them provide their information to speak outside the event to further the conversation
  - Have the providers separated by services

- Have banners above provider section: general topics
  - Use passport to make sure parents speak to providers
    - If a parent completes a passport then they get extra raffle tickets
    - Chinese raffle - have parents put their ticket into what they want
      - Have providers bring in their raffles beforehand and take pictures of them to place above a basket
  - Have EI referral forms on hand for parents
- Health Care/Mental Health Supports
  - Switching Providers
    - CHASI (bay st) and SIUH asked to switch providers in order to get services
      - Should be optional not mandatory in order to get services (According to WG members)
        - WG will further investigate issue
  - Lack of staff across the board w/ EI and social work
    - Underpaid
      - P&A WG potential policy paper topic
    - Leaving for better opportunities (DOE)
  - SI Pouch center will take families 0-5 w/ no wait
    - Migrant families welcome

## Developing an Educational Community

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- Educators Activate
  - Quarterly Meetings
  - What would the meetings look like?
    - PS 21, PS 18, PS44 educators
  - Initially hold meetings with the schools and their surrounding early educators separately and depending on the conversation by mid year, bring the conversations and schools together
  - All meetings will be virtual to accommodate more people
  - Have early learn directors and TEACHERS/EDUCATORS
  - Send out questionnaires to educators



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- Use questionnaire as a method to ur necessary topics to be more precise when facilitating conversations
  - Provide incentives
- How can the Alliance support this community?
  - Involve the parents

## What's Coming Next

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- Inviting Families to meetings
  - Key Topics
    - EI; KT; Financial Hardships/literacy; life insurance; community safety; community stewardship (environmental cleanup); Pregnancy and Lead workshop;
      - Settle on topics and find experts/organizations within those fields to speak with families
    - Add question to survey to send out to families and find what is important to them
  - How to reach families that are not engaged?
    - Have Parent VOICE engage with DOE family groups
    - Work with parents from early childhood centers
    - Go to where the families are - where they are comfortable already
- Create a list of terms and acronyms for both families and providers
  - Parent to Parent may have a list already created to add to
  - Be thoughtful in speech in terms of acronyms that families may not be familiar with
- Have partners open up their spaces and meet w/ their families
  - Host something w/ Healthy families

## Closing

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- Next Meeting: October 10, 2023
- Community Parent and resource center (IncludeNYC)



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- Under state contract
- PS 13 Community Health and Wellness Event
- Do me a Favor on Fingerboard Road
  - Mommy and me classes

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