

Early Learn Environment

11.13.23

In Attendance: NY Founding Healthy Families, QualitySTARS, RUMC Pouch, SICM, IncludeNYC, PDI

Welcome

- Enjoy Breakfast

SI Alliance Activities

- EI Equity Project
 - Healthy Families Updates
 - 19 families attended
 - Lack of spanish speaking providers
 - Parents gave each other advice on how to manage difficulties within EI
 - SI Alliance will be meeting w/ SI legislators in upcoming months to discuss EI
 - SI Parent Ad
 - SI Alliance has been published in the SI Parent Special Education Guide (pg2)
- Educators Activate
 - PS 18
 - Updates
 - Teachers did not know who to go to when a child in their class needs services
 - They did not know how to speak to parents about their child needing services
 - Noticed children struggled w/ standing in line, holding a pencil
 - One child will not to any work at all because she cannot hold a pencil

- Teachers are feeling very frustrated - experiencing burnout very quickly in the year due to lack of help
 - Chronic lateness - issues speaking w/ parents
- PS 44
 - Nov. 20 @ 2:20pm
 - Will be meeting with both preK and K teachers
- PS 21
 - TBD
- Offer teachers PD
- Bring all teachers (preK and K) together for PD
- Have the school social workers involved.
- Data collection will be organized and shared out

Discussion

- 8th Annual Early Childhood Event
 - Date: 2/17
 - 12PM - 4PM
 - Set-up: 10:30AM - 11:30AM
 - Drop off boxes the day before (2/16): 1PM-4PM
 - Highlighted Theme: Early Intervention
 - Map out Gallery Area
 - Have EI providers on the left side of the gallery (close to the patio door)
 - Use dividers to keep them separate (private)
 - Thought Bubble posters to put up on dividers in regards to EI
 - Partners encouraged to send phrases to backbone staff
 - Have them in english and spanish (cantonese, mandarin, russian, etc)
 - ASQ online screening will be available
 - Have staff to help parent navigate the ASQ (HealthyFamilies staff)
 - Sign in table will be under the stairs before the entrance to the gallery
 - UNECE will be in the back of the cafe area

- 20 tables are available for use - will line the walls of the gallery
 - Tables will be assigned to partners
 - Swag Ideas
 - Big chunky pencils and crayons (triangles)
 - Fidget toys
 - Fidget spinners
 - Pop its
 - Sensory toys
 - Pencil grips
 - Rubber duckies
 - Beanies (hats)
 - Organizers for parents
 - Design on canva
 - My child's school - teacher, pick up, drop off, OPT, etc
 - Where to- in case of emergency
 - Office of emergency management
 - Resource section
 - Education focused
- Partners will be in the gallery area
 - SI Alliance tables will be on the 1st and 2nd floor (workshop room) Nothing on the 3rd fl
- ShopRite cooking class
 - Make it a ticketed event so it is not as overwhelming
- Raffles will be limited to 5 max
 - 12PM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM raffle timeslots
- No tables in the cooking space
 - SIA staff/volunteer will be present in the room to collect recipes for virtual cookbook
- PA system will be needed for music
- 5 volunteers - through YouthWINS (SICM will have additional volunteers)
- SIA table locations will be superimposed on the SICM
- Simulated classroom will be held in the upstairs workshop
- Food will be ordered - served in conference room
 - Families will be given snacks (located in the cafe)

- Create a banner to have displayed on the Snug Harbor gate to promote the event (General event banner - velcro the date)
 - **FastSigns**
 - Jan 17th - hang the banner
- Online ticketing - due to free event
 - Preregistering needed
 - Information will be sent out and added to event flyer
- Invite List - look at last year's list
 - NYPL
 - Literacy programs
 - Literacy in Community
 - Food insecurity
 - Home safety (DOHMH)
 - Fire dept
 - Smoke detectors
 - IncludeNYC
 - Short YT videos - Special ed basics, etc
 - Videos will loop
 - Videos will be projected on the wall in the EI section of the gallery
 - Banners or easels
 - "EI corner"
 - "Come meet our schools"
 - Markers w/ signage to direct drivers to the event
 - Backdrop for families to take pictures
 - Bring props

Closing

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- Next Meeting: Dec 12th, 2023 @ 9:30AM Hybrid