

## Policy and Advocacy WG

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11.16.23

### Welcome

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In Attendance: A Chance in Life, Make The RoadNY, PDI

### Early Intervention Equity Project

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- Updates
  - Let's Talk Early Intervention @ NY Foundling Healthy Families
    - Met w/ 19 families
    - Similar stories to other families we have spoken to
    - Average wait time for evaluations is approx 2 months
    - Spanish speaking families experiences much longer delays for both evaluations and services
- Looking to host another Let's Talk w/ Headstart
- EI Ambassador position available through Mother Cabrini Grant
  - Policy Paper
    - Overall Theme: As a NYC citizen [you] have these rights within the EI process and have the right to be taught and informed these rights
    - Advocacy:
      - funding for education and outreach
      - Address the disparities within at risk communities
        - All of SI vs the North Shore
      - Create a comparison graph
        - 10309, 10314, 10301, 10310
      - Knowledgeable workers in the schools
      - Social service agencies - educate
      - Streamlining process
      - Address stigma
      - Updated - cleaner and easier to navigate appeal process
      - Retaining service providers
        - How to keep providers working publicly
    - Data on the appeal process

- Why are the appeals being filed?
  - SI residents filing appeals vs other boroughs
- Draft of the Policy Paper will be put in a shared drive to facilitate collaboration
- *Speak w/ providers - what are their challenges? Why is there such high turnover? What do service providers need to better help families?*
- Legislative Breakfast - On Hold
  - Will be speaking directly to legislators to introduce the SI Alliance and our initiatives - Not specific to EI
  - See what is already in the pipeline for legislators (reach out to CCC)
  - Advisory Board Feedback
- SI Parent Ad
  - The SI Alliance EI ad is live in the SI Parent Special Needs Edition
- Smaller Know Your Rights campaigns
- Advocacy campaigns
  - Create flyers to give families information on topics that they might not have any knowledge of

## Closing

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- Next Meeting: December 21, 2023 9am-9:45