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Policy & Advocacy WG Agenda

3.21.24

Welcome

Updates

- New EI Ambassador!

EI Equity Project

- Policy Paper Brainstorm Session
 - [chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://thechildrensagenda.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Kids-Cant-Wait-2024-Policy-Priorities.pdf](https://thechildrensagenda.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Kids-Cant-Wait-2024-Policy-Priorities.pdf)
 - Issues:
 - **The Right to Know: Raising awareness around parent rights regarding EI**
 - Parents knowing they can have their child re-evaluated.
 - Understand the process
 - **Excessive length of the EI process.**
 - Supposed to take 45 days – parents will wait from 2 months to a year for services
 - **Lack of EI providers**
 - Lack of bilingual providers
 - Lack of local (SI) providers
 - Providers in at risk and migrant communities

- Better training for providers
- Problem History
 - Background
 - EI program helps thousands of children (find EI data for Staten Island)
 - 80% increase in number of delayed EI plans
 - Children throughout the city have been severely impacted by provider shortages and a chronically underfunded EI system
 - Many
 - Current Status
 - *“Nearly half of families whose children are evaluated and deemed eligible for Early Intervention services don’t receive them within the legally required timelines, delaying and at times denying their opportunity for full development. The New York State Dept. of Health and the state Office of the Comptroller released data showing that wait times are longer for Black and Hispanic children and that this crisis is hitting rural and high-poverty areas of our state especially hard.” (Pulled from [Kids Can’t Wait testimony](#))*
 - Importance
 - *“In New York City, the Early Intervention (EI) Program helps around 30,000 young children under three years old, who are not learning, playing, growing, talking, or walking like other children their age.” (Pulled from [CCC EI Fact Sheet](#))*
 - Especially in the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Color) and poverty-stricken communities
- Problem Definition
 - Statement (North Shore/Staten Island EI Data needed)
 - Statement of Methodology Used in Analysis
 - Identification of Actors Involved

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- Impact of the Problem

Closing

- Next Meeting: April 18th, 2024