

# Early Learn Environment WG

# 6.18.2024

#### Welcome

In Attendance: RUMC Pouch Center, RUMC Children's Trauma Center, OPWDD, QualityStarsNY. Parent to Parent, Healthy Families NY, MetroPlusHealth, PDI, Literacy IN Community, UNECE

### Updates

- Maternal and Infant Care and Post Care
  - $\circ \quad July \; 13^{th}$
- Working Group Updates
  - o CW Campaigns & Resource Hub
    - Looking for an intern to update and keep track of the resource hub
      - SYEP for next year
    - Starting in Sept working on Early Childhood Campaigning
      - ELE can work in tandem w/ CW group to create campaigns/flyers
      - CW will create a calendar of topics that they will share with the ELE group
  - P&A Legislative Breakfast
    - Spearheaded by the P&A WG
    - Topic will be on Early Intervention
    - Tentative Date: October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm in the UFT conference room
    - Parent testimonies will be shared
    - Invites will be sent out to families who participated in EI workshops

#### **Data Review**

• IEP Data



- Are children being diagnosed because they have challenging behaviors or because they ACTUALLY have a learning disabilities?
- Distinguish WHAT exactly these children are receiving services for?
- High number of ELL students could skew the numbers
- Does is it include 4410 pre-k children?
- Do they track if the students came from a early learn center before entering school?
- What is the underlying reason for the low level of ELL student's vs the IEP students?
- What percent of parents refuse ELL services/bilingual classes?
- Enrollment Data
  - How many families try and enroll and are turned away?
  - Percentages of families who are eligible and enrolled
  - %of birth rates during the pandemic
  - $\circ~$  % of families who have moved out of the city/ moved to charter schools
  - How many seats were available total? How many weren't filled?
  - How many children qualified for 3k/pre-k that did not attend?
- Chronic Absenteeism
  - Pre-k has the largest rate of absenteeism
    - Some families take up seats that they are not really using taking them away from families who would send their children to class
  - Hybrid school year has the highest number
  - Looking forward to new data now that the school year now that school is in person full time
  - Sickness young children are more likely to get sick
    - How much of the absences are due to sickness?
    - How severe are the sicknesses? flu vs tummy ache, etc.
  - Look into data on lateness
  - School schedules might not work for working families
    - Extended day?
  - The children might not be potty trained, etc. They have needs that cannot/are not met by DOE or early learn centers
  - Vaccinations?



- Continuity issues switching schools due to age, having multiple children in multiple grades, etc.
- PD Data
  - In Person vs Virtual attendance
    - Higher number of virtual attendance through the pandemic trend has continued into the subsequent years
  - Work on a campaign for the educators Adverse childhood experiences
  - "if it's not required, I'm not doing it" mindset from the teachers
    - They are overwhelmed

# **Event Planning**

- KT Activities
  - UFT BBQ @ PS 21 8/14
    - School supplies from Staples and SIA storage
      - If partners can provide school supplies, they are encouraged to do so
    - No more than 100 Kinder students
    - Distribute flyers to feeder schools Event through UFT they will be working on spreading the word on the event to their providers
    - Check in with UFT to see if they are giving anything out, so we don't double up on the school supplies
    - Sign in sheets will have a section asking which school their child will be attending in the fall
      - Multiple ages
    - How do we engage the families we connect with in the future? How do we market this event to ensure families know the Alliance is a space for them to feel comfortable sharing and volunteering?
      - Retention of families
      - Linktree for the SI Alliance
      - Survey through MailChimp newsletter and in person at the event
        - Complete the survey and get a freebie



- Short survey maybe 2 questions
- PS 74 We Got Your Back Resource Fair 9/4
- PS 18 Parent Fair Second week of September
- Email will be sent out to partners with the all he event information and tabling sign up forms

# Closing

• Next Meeting: July 9, 2024