



## Meeting Minutes

### 19 Centers in Attendance, 51 attendees:

Resource Centers in Attendance: Buckeye Family Resource Center, Care1st Avondale Resource Center, Chandler CARE Center, Chicanos Por La Causa-Parenting Arizona Family Resource Center, Child Crisis Arizona, Deer Valley Family Resource Center, Gila Bend Family Resource Center, Glendale Elementary School District Family Resource Centers, Heart of Isaac Community Center, Lutheran Social Services Family Resource Centers, Paradise Valley Family Resource Center, Pendergast Family Resource Center, Peoria Unified Family Resource Centers, Phoenix Families First, Tempe Elementary School District Thrive to Five Family Resource Center, U of A Santa Cruz Cooperative Extension Family Resource Center, U of A Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resource Center, Valleywise Health Family Learning Centers and Washington Resource & Information Center.

### Decision Points

- Approval of the meetings minutes from the April 2, 2020 meeting was postponed as several members stated that they did not receive a copy of the minutes to review. Aimee Sitzler from the Family Resource Network (FRN) consultant team will resend the April minutes to the group.

### Updates

#### Family Resource Advisory Committee (FRAC):

##### Governance & Evaluation:

Rebecca Birr from Valleywise Health Family Learning Centers provided the update.

- The committee met virtually in April 2020 to discuss ideas and recommendations on meeting attendance tracking as well as a potential membership fees structures for the FRN for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Nominating committees will begin working to fill FRAC posts and hold elections for leadership positions.

##### Public Awareness:

Jacqueline Clark from the Washington Resource & Information Center provided the update

- The yearly First Things First (FTF) Early Childhood Summit Reception will be held “virtually” due to the actual Summit moving to a digital format for this year due to the COVID-19 situation.
- The committee is considering the idea of somehow advertising on the Summit virtual platform in lieu of the reception to help build awareness of the FRN and the work being done by member agencies.
- The committee is asking for members to share and send in videos or other digital materials to feature during the virtual reception.

## **Parent Engagement**

Leonor Garcia from Lutheran Social Services Family Resource Centers provided the update.

- Leslie Owen from the Creighton Family Resource Center has taken on the committee co-chair position.
- The committee will be meeting on a virtual platform once a quarter for a total of four meetings each year, for now. Eventually, the goal will be to have two virtual and two in-person meetings.
- The first virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 9 AM to 10 AM. Leslie Owen will be sending out an invitation to committee members.
- The committee is working toward its goal of bringing at least one parent from a Parent Advisory Council to the FRN meeting on October 1, 2020.

## **FRN Consultants:**

Aimee Sitzler from the FRN consultant team provided the update.

- Aimee shared that the consultant team is currently working with FTF to renew their annual contract.
- A survey regarding professional development opportunities will go out to the FRN by August. All professional development trainings will be done virtually, until further notice.
- CAC called for an Ad Hoc committee to review anti-racism programs, resources and materials to be shared with the FRN. Mara will convene this group ASAP. The following FRN members agreed to participate in the committee:
  - Renato Ramos from the Chicanos Por La Causa-Parenting Arizona Family Resource Center
  - Briselda Rodriguez from Phoenix Families First
  - Rachel Sanders from the Buckeye Family Resource Center

- One staff to be named later from Lutheran Social Services Family Resource Centers
- April Aguinaga from Valleywise Health Family Learning Centers tentatively agreed to participate in the committee
- Tamara Floyd from the U of A Roosevelt Early Childhood Family Resource Center will share an email with a more comprehensive list of anti-racism resources to help support FRN members and families.
- More information, materials and resources will be provided to the group at large as they are made available.

### **Legislative:**

- No legislative update provided at this meeting.

### **First Things First (FTF):**

Annette Bourne from FTF provided the update.

- As mentioned earlier, the annual FTF Early Childhood Summit will be moving to a virtual platform. The Summit will be held as a free, one-day virtual session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. More information and updates can be found on the [Summit Website](#).
- Annette shared that FTF leadership is looking closely at and considering how the current situation will impact State Fiscal Year 2021, especially as it pertains to the Standards of Practice. More information will be shared via the Partner Grant Management System (PGMS) and direct communications from FTF. The FRN consultant team will also help make sure that communications from FTF are shared through the network.

### **Member Updates:**

- Courtney Taylor from the Deer Valley Family Resource Center announced that she is leaving her position and will transition back into the classroom for the upcoming school year.
- Jessica Harris from the Peoria Unified Family Resource Centers shared that she will be going on maternity leave and will possibly miss the August 6, 2020 meeting.

### **Guest Speaker:**

- Sharon Pierson from the Department of Economic Security (DES) provided information on the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AZEIP).
- Sharon shared information on a variety of topics related to AZEIP such as eligibility criteria, the referral process, funding sources and next steps after a screening/referral.

- Sharon invited FRN members to share information to be included on the AZEIP newsletter that goes out to over 1500 providers, pediatricians and others working with young children. To that end, Sharon provided her email address to the group: [SPierson@azdes.gov](mailto:SPierson@azdes.gov).
- Sharon requested a brief description of the FRN and its collective work to be added to the upcoming edition of the newsletter. The Public Awareness Committee will provide a blurb by the June 8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

#### **FRN Host Presentation:**

- Lilliana Urenda from the Tempe Elementary School District Thrive to Five Resource Center shared information on the Family Resource Center Connections group and about her agency.
- Lilliana shared that the FRC Connections was formed from a need for new FRC staff and leaders to connect with other FRC's to share ideas and best practices.
- FRAC members encouraged FRC Connections members to participate in the FRAC and its various committees.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM**

**Next FRN meeting - Thursday, August 6, 2020 – Location to be determined but more than likely will be held via ZOOM.**