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| **Communities build what they dream. Families get what they need. Children thrive.** |

Welcome & Introductions

1. Introductions
2. Attendance
* Sydney, Catherine, Melissa, Sarah, Isabel, Jenny, Jessica, Emily, Beth, Rhonda, Elizabeth, Sam, Charmaine, Shannon, Alice(Google meets)

Network Updates

1. *Program Updates- AOK expanding!*
	* New positions:
		+ AOK Coordinator
		+ Family Engagement Specialist
	* Network PowerPoint- see attached
	* Network Testimonial- see attached

Network Capacity

* Updates to:
	+ 2023 Partnership Agreements- please complete 1 for your agency
		- Network Partner vs. Network Supporter
			* Supporters: receive mailing list, flyers, etc.
			* Partners: plan to attend meetings, support workgroups/efforts
	+ Membership packet- See attached
* Website- Local and Statewide
	+ Local- Updated as of August 31st for local website- <https://www.rockislandaok.org/>
	+ Currently working on updates for statewide website - <https://aoknetworks.org/>
* Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockislandaok>
	+ Please Like, Comment, share posts, and feel free to submit items to post for the group! Share this group with anyone.

Workgroups

* If you are interested in joining one of our workgroups, please let me know and I will get you on the information list. So far this is how many people have signed up. Groups are capped at 10.
	+ - Efforts will begin once strategic plans are approved
1. Learning Through Play- 9 people signed up
2. Information and Referral- 1 person signed up
3. Health & Wellness- 2 people signed up
4. Food Resource/ Access – 3 people signed up

Information & Referral:

1. IRIS update:
	* Report for FY21 for Early Childhood Providers- See attached
		+ 7 Agencies identified as providing EC Services
		+ 67 Referrals total for FY 21
2. Yellow Pages and Food Resource Guides – are now available for distribution
	* Please email to request a certain number of copies. See attached digital copies on the Local Rock Island Website. Use the google map at this link. <https://tinyurl.com/38xjx3t5>

Partner Presentations

EveryChild

Jessica Smith: Healthy Families

* Home visiting, birth to 5 (or birth to preschool) in Rock Island County
* Must be screened in: poverty, immigration
* Before 3 months of age to be screened in, unless referred from DCFS
* FSS visit and support parents
	+ Child development, developmentally appropriate behaviors, parent-child activities, parent goals
	+ Strengthen parent-child bond
	+ Program is growing, more staff than before
* Newborns: weekly visits, gradually decrease based on child’s age and caregiver ability/stress/needs
* Parenting groups, 8-week programs – these are open to the public as well (not just HFI families). Prenatal group and parenting groups; free childcare during this time
* All free, grant-funded programs/services

Catherine Bass: Safe from the Start

* See presentation

Partner Updates:

* The Moline Foundation- Poverty Simulation- October 18th 2022 – See attached Flyer
* QCON- Funded for formula assistance and gas cards; referral must come from SEAP partner agencies. Agencies not a part of SEAP can be onboarded easily.
* RYC- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant program has new staff, getting acquainted with the community
* RICHD- No updates
* Birth to Five- Continuing to look for diverse families/families with diverse experiences to join Family Council. 2 meetings per month, 2 hours per meeting
* Safe Families- trying to grow/expand volunteer families
* Early Head Start- 2nd year running. Approx. 160 kids through centers, home-based, etc. Work with children in poverty to provide quality early care. Rock Island, Milan and Moline
* BHASED- Birth to 3, training families with young children for things like speech/communication and can refer out to Early Intervention if other developmental concerns. New flyers, phone numbers and address; free services for families. Back to in-person visits once a month.
* ROE- early childhood mental health consultant was hired for 0-3 programs. Trying to bridge gap for vision/hearing screenings in preschool. Can now do re-screens for children that failed or new screenings for kids who missed the day the health department completed screenings. Looking to hire more teachers

Next AOK Network Meeting:

Wednesday, October 19th, 2022

10:00-11:30 AM

Location: Butterworth Center Education Center