

Early Childhood Readiness & Success team notes– July 14, 2010

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Updates on who did what thus far:

Child Care Centers & Community

- Carol DeLaurier – still gathering information on the State’s “Watch Me Grow” screening pilot and who is involved. Note: Children Unlimited used the Watch Me Grow screening at the same time as children were going through the SAU 9 “Child Find” program
- Nancy shared information on child care centers and screening. See attached sheet
- Susan – the best contact for anything related to child care centers is Deb Meader (located at White Mountain Community Health Center). List of providers is best obtained by the state. Researching some of the Homeschool networks. There are networks in Wolfeboro, Wakefield, Madison, Glen/North Conway. Children homeschooled in: Tamworth – 14, Sandwich – 6, and Freedom – 4.

Public Schools

- Bob G. via Howard – SAU 9: parents come with children, by appointment, to do a three different assessment tools. Key is that some children are ready in some areas but there are gaps in readiness. Not an all or nothing concept. Bob stated that they estimate 50% of children have some gaps.
- Jay – SAU # 13 has an integrated developmental preschool that runs in Freedom during the school year and Madison in the summer.
- Ossipee has a year round integrated preschool
- Handed out the sheet on public schools in CC. People would like private schools and homeschool networks added to the list.

Other

- Karen from PIRC talked about the Ready Manchester project that has been ongoing for about a year. They still have not defined readiness. There is a study committee looking the definition. PIRC also does programs on readiness. Howard collected the parent information from Karen. Although the group would like to know the information from PIRC and Ready Manchester, the definition of “readiness” in Carroll County has to come locally. This builds ownership.
- Howard has agreed to serve as a clearinghouse for collecting information. Send him information.
- Jen will get information from Saco River Medical Group pediatricians about what they do for assessments.

A-3 notes:

- Group discussion on the fact that not everyone will be using the same assessment tool rather the goal should be to get everyone on the same page as to what should be assessed. The assessment needs to cover the type of skills that are needed to be ready for kindergarten. Will be a hard sell to get everyone to agree to one tool.
- Consider changing readiness for kindergarten to readiness for kindergarten or its equivalent and ready by third grade or its equivalent. This takes into consideration the home school children.

Next meetings:

- Wednesday, August 11 at 6:00 pm at Bearcamp Valley School
- Wednesday, September 15
- Wednesday, October 13