

Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Office of Early Childhood Staff Present: Debbie Sampson, Nancy Chew, Samantha Mann

Guest: Elizabeth Rayl- *Outdoor Learning Educator*

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Advisory Board Members Present: Rebecca Kenworthy, Coleen Land, Marci Graves, Jennifer Quartucci, Maria Wynne, Stephanie McKinstry, Latrina Johanning, Ginny Harman, Sabrina Chase, Christina Madewell for Tamala Hunt

Advisory Board Members Absent: Noel Hanson, Gina Maples, Joey Scherschel

April Meeting Minutes: Approved by Ginny Harmon, 2nd by Maria Wynne

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Rayl- *Outdoor Learning Educator*. She is a preschool and kindergarten teacher. Connects kids to nature by having an outdoor classroom or bringing nature indoors. Being outside helps stress levels in kids and adults.

Being outdoors reinforces:

- Multisensory learning
- Critical thinking
- Problem Solvers
- Thinking out of the box
- More relaxing environment

Suggests having a curriculum cart to bring outside. It should have all the supplies you would need outside to help the children learn such as, books, chalk, paper, writing utensils. What you do inside the classroom you can do outside.

Nature Table inside the classroom: Have a shelf of trays to keep the treasures that the kids found outside. You can get egg cartons labeled with each child's name so they have their own place to keep their treasures. Try to use real objects for manipulatives-sticks, seeds, rocks, acorns etc. Elizabeth has a monthly curriculum for outdoor learning in Indiana.

Updates: Last round of grants. Grants will only be available for homes/centers/ministries/LLEP's(classrooms or whole building) that have to close for a positive Covid test and Health Department says they need to close. You need to contact your local Health Department to find out what to do.

Grants still available: Come Back Stronger from Lilly (<https://earlylearningin.org/comebackstronger/>) and INAEYC has a covid relief grant. Check their website.

Webinar from July 27th- The power point slides with FAQ should be on the website. Counties have different mask requirements. It is our responsibility to connect with the local Health Department to know what our town or county requires.

Fingerprint issues. Identigo is working on adding more slots and more locations.

Providers are adding Pandemic Clauses to their handbook.

Next meeting is **October 27, 2020**

Adjournment: Ginny Harmon made a motion to end the meeting. Maria Wynne second.