

World Café Conversation
Door County Partnership for Children and Families Annual Celebration
June 8th, 2018

1. If money and time were not an issue, what would you like to see the Partnership accomplish in the next 5 years? What excites you about this idea?

- Continue current work and expand programs to engage families, connect them to community
- Increase outreach beyond Sturgeon Bay
- Increase availability of affordable housing
- Help create sustainability in our community
- All county schools involved (representation)
- More developed Board (recruitment & succession)/more diverse backgrounds
- Bi-lingual and Bicultural Staff
- Increasing father participation
- More frequent Raising a Thinking Child (on-going)
- Moving I Can Problem Solve in all school districts
- Strong Volunteer Coordinator/Childcare
- Video Testimonials
- Universal Screening (baby) and additional supports
 - Expansion of Healthy Families and Community Connections programs
 - Prevention based
 - ID risk factors
 - Decrease child abuse & neglect
 - Increase school readiness
 - Helps families connect and find support
 - Saves \$ on deep-end
 - More cost-effective spending on the front end
- Flex funding to meet family needs
- Expansion of Raising a Thinking Child (additional ages) (additional districts)
 - All help is available
- Liaisons in all the school districts
 - Public & Private districts
 - Home School children
- More community/parent involvement
- Excitement – growing, easier for families, connections
- Adding parent connectors to serve Northern & Southern Door
- MPOWR utilized cross county
- Enlarged parent network
- Space

2. What role(s) would you like to see yourself play for the Partnership over the next 5 years? How can we help support this?

- Rotating Executive Committee
- More Parent Representation

- Support more Parent Education
- More School Representation
- Community Engagement – retain young people in community
- We would like to see less leadership by providers at table and more by families
- Helping to strengthen & support Community members to be able to take a more active role in schools & community
- Helping to provide a better, more accurate representation of the Community in the Partnership (race, gender, sex, age, socio-economic, biologic vs. fostering/adopting, etc.)
- Helping families identifying themselves with the group
- Always have a county board rep
- Increase independence & stability of Partnership, but United Way continues as fiscal agent
- Continued support & collaboration with community agencies
- Team of Connectors for Rebecca to supervise
- Increase referrals
- Community Conversations around important issues
- Ongoing strategic planning & mission review
- ID'ing gaps in community resources & filling those needs
- Better supporting families & connecting them to resources
- Bringing knowledge to the Partnership and the people we work with
- Helping to increase our partners to share the work to further the Partnership's goals
- Keeping partners informed
- Simplify – “use a shared language & understanding” (No acronyms)
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3. How can we build upon our community's strengths and encourage involvement from people not yet at the table?

- Personal invitations
- Missing parent, business, school involvement, & Sturgeon Bay City Council
- Need Hispanic Connector
- Attend School Board Meetings
- Need clarity of mission and consistent elevator speech
- Identify 1 or 2 key business partners who will support mission financially & be on executive committee
- Reach out to Arleigh Porter for Police representation
- Making sure a succession plan is in place for agencies
- Promote involvement, value & sense of community
- Inviting different people to the table
- Implementing a Parent/Sub Committee (Advisory)
- Focusing on youth to promote activism
- Encourage agencies to support involvement
- Empowering different voices & perspectives & invest in people so they can serve the community and the Partnership

- Making effort to reach out & network within different circles
- Avoid acronyms & jargon
- Welcoming communications & actions
- Utilize video – on website (already is) ***in reference to I Can Problem Solve documentary***
- Child Care
- Invite & empower people to try something new
- Value at meetings
- Testimonials from families
- Caring, compassionate, Good Collaboration, excellent resource base, community size
- More focused outreach strategy
- One-on-one direct contact with partners who are not at meetings – “In Reach”
- Changed messaging that’s welcome to all
- Trifurcate with businesses/Economic Development & schools/education to build our workforce