



**Door County Partnership for Children and Families (DCPCF)
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 14, 2018
Justice Center – Multipurpose Room**

The Door County Partnership for Children and Families, together with our partner organizations, is dedicated to connecting people to resources through a family-centered approach in order to achieve social emotional well-being and school success.

In Attendance: Cori McFarlane (DC Department of Human Services), Katie VanLaanen (DC Public Health Department), Dawn Vandevort (UW-Extension), Julie Grondin (DC Department of Human Services), Mary Ellen Smith (DC Public Health Department), Helen Bacon (County Board), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Rebecca Nicholson (Door County Partnership for Children and Families), Julie Davis (Boys & Girls Club of DC), Martha Neigel (Boys & Girls Club of DC), Jennifer Moeller (Circuit Court), Beth Lokken (Library), Paul Thierfelder (Sturgeon Bay Christian Counseling), Kris Miller (Lakeshore CAP – Cradle to Career), Emma Lehman (DC Department of Human Services), Rachael Millner (DC Public Health Department), Gina Felhofer (Family Services), Candis Dart (Door County Partnership for Children and Families)

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Agency Updates - This was an opportunity for everyone to share upcoming events or exciting news that they may have. For future meetings, please feel free to bring any flyers you may have and updates you want to share.
 - Jennifer Moeller –
 - Circuit Court: The laws on relocating with children have changed. Information can be obtained at the Justice Center.
 - Women’s Fund of Door County: Fall Grants are due September 24th.
 - Nikki Voight – Door-Tran has a new presentation that they are willing to do for any groups that would like information. They are also doing monthly transportation workshops.
 - Boys & Girls Club – There are 175 children enrolled in the afterschool program. They are not partnering with Southern Door or Sevastapol this year, due to transportation costs. All children are at the Hatch Center this year.
 - Human Services – The Children’s Program has separated into two programs – CCS and Children’s Long Term Support.
 - STRIDE – Mental Health in the Schools program. They are hoping to start providing mental health services in the schools as of October 1st.
 - Library – September is National Library Card Sign-Up month. There are many programs going on at the Libraries throughout Door County. Be sure to check the Library’s calendar for details.
 - Head Start – The Head Start program is now located on Lansing Avenue. They are still looking for children to enroll.
 - UW-Extension – The UW-Extension Office will be moving to a new location – still on the 2nd Floor of the Door County Government Center.
 - Cradle to Career – Continuing to work with families with young children. Several clients are also working with the Invest Dream Achieve program at NWTC.

- Public Health – The Mental Health Focus Group will be doing a series of Film Screenings and Panel Discussions over the next few months. The first film will be *Suicide: The Ripple Effect* and will be shown on Thursday, October 4th at 5:00 p.m. at the Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor.

- b. Please continue to watch for the DCPCF Newsletters. A lot of important information is shared through this newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter or if you have any information that you would like shared, please email Candis at doorcountypartnership4children@gmail.com.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Collaboration Committee

- The Raising of America
 - The Collaboration Committee is continuing to discuss how to continue the conversations started during the *Raising of America* film screening/panel discussion earlier this year.
- 7 Essential Ingredients of Trauma Informed Care
 - Tenley taught a day-long training on Trauma Informed Care in July. There were about 25 people in attendance.
- Mental Health Film Series – DCPCF, Mental Health Focus Group, Public Health, and Door County AOD Coalition
 - For all events: A light meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. The film will begin at 5:30 with panel discussion to follow. Events will be held at the Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor.
 - Thursday, October 4th – *Suicide: The Ripple Effect*
 - Thursday, November 8th – *Paper Tigers*
 - January 2019 – *Written Off*
 - February 2019 – *Resilience*

b. Family Enrichment (formerly Parent Education) Committee

- The name of the sub-committee was changed to Family Enrichment, to better fit the work that this committee is doing, as well as to avoid any stigma that is associated with “Parent Education.”
- Raising a Thinking Child
 - A class was held during the Summer and went well. We will be looking at hosting another class this winter, after Tenley returns from leave.
- Block Parties
 - The purpose of Block Parties is to provide an opportunity for Parents/Caregivers and Children to play together at several stations with different types of blocks, while also learning math, science, and social skills.
 - A Block Party was held during the Door County Fair and was well received by participants.
 - A Block Party is planned for the ADRC – in celebration of Grandparents’ Day and Intergenerational Month (September) on Thursday, September 27th from 10-11 a.m.

- The Committee is in need of Volunteers who would like to act as Play Assistants during future Block Parties (role is to encourage play between the child and the Parent/Caregiver).
- Parent Cafes
 - A mock Parent Café will be held during the next Family Enrichment sub-committee meeting on Monday, September 24th.

c. Community Resources Committee

- http://doorcountylibrary.org/community_resources
- Beth is continuing to update the Community Resource Guide as needed. If there are any changes/updates/additions that need to be made, please let Beth know (blokken@co.door.wi.gov).
- The next meeting of the Community Resources Committee will be Tuesday, September 25th at 9:00 a.m.

d. Marketing Committee

- The Marketing Committee will meet next on Tuesday, September 25th at 12:00 p.m.
- If you are in need of any promotional materials for the DCPCF (rack cards, Community Resource Guide cards, Community Connections brochures), please let Candis know. We would be more than happy to drop them off.

e. Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee is looking for individuals who would be interested in being a part of the Executive Committee. If you are interested or have a suggestion for someone, please be sure to let Candis know.
 - It would be great to have someone from the business community. This is part of why Brown County Community Partnership for Children was successful.

3. Other Business

- a. Screening Workgroup: This group is continuing to meet to discuss the development and implementation of a screen for all parents at the birth of their child (or prenatally). The goal of this screen will be to identify the risk factors a parent/family has and to help connect them to needed resources and supports. This group is working to ensure that all families will be supported, and that this screening tool would be strengths-based.
- b. Community Connections: Rebecca reported that since the Community Connections service began in November 2017, she has worked with 24 families. These referrals have come from multiple places and she has referred families out to several different programs/services. If you would like more information on Community Connections or if you have a referral to make, please contact Rebecca Nicholson at partnershipconnector@gmail.com.
- c. Imagination Library: Candis announced that the Door County Partnership for Children and Families will be bringing the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program to Door County. This is a FREE book gifting program for Door County children, from birth until their 5th birthday. All Door County children (ages 0 up until their 5th birthday) qualify for this program- there are no restrictions on school, socio-economic status, etc. The only restrictions are that the children must live in Door County and must be within the age requirements.
 - Candis shared a video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWUAkeI2MD0>.

- Families will need to register their children. Registration will be available in person and online. In person registration will start in December with a Kick-Off event at the Library in Sturgeon Bay. Online registration will start in January 2019.
- It is free for a family to register their children. Once registered, the child will receive a book in the mail each month until the month they turn five.
- The costs for this program are covered by the Door County Partnership for Children and Families and donations from the Community. It costs \$25 to provide a year's worth (12 books) of books for one child. This is approximately \$2.10 for the book and shipping.
- Everyone is encouraged to share the information about this program with others who might be interested – either families who would register their children or people who might be interested in making a donation.
 - Candis will work to create a donation form that can be given to interested individuals.
 - Donations can be made by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to United Way of Door (Please be sure to note that the donation is for Imagination Library). You can drop the donation off to the United Way of Door County office or by contacting Candis.
- The goal of this program is to encourage reading to young children, which will have an impact on future school success.

d. Family Engagement Leader

- The Door County Partnership for Children and Families is currently in the process of hiring a 3rd staff member to serve as a Family Engagement Leader. This individual would be responsible for planning and coordinating events and opportunities for parents and caregivers – including, but not limited to, Block Parties, Parent Cafés, Raising a Thinking Child, etc.

4. Discussion: Planning for the Future of the Door County Partnership for Children and Families

- a. The Executive Committee will be doing strategic planning in the near future.
- b. At the Annual Celebration in June, there were many great ideas that came up during the World Café conversations. These ideas were grouped into common themes.
 - Outreach beyond Sturgeon Bay and to all Door County School Districts
 - Community and Parent Involvement and Engagement
 - Business Involvement
 - Diversity of Committees and Programs
 - Expansion of Programs

5. Future 2018 Quarterly Partnership Meeting Dates

- a. In 2018, the Door County Partnership for Children and Families will continue to host Quarterly Partnership Meetings. Meetings will be on the 2nd Friday of every 3rd month at 8:15 a.m. in the 1st Floor Multi-Purpose Room at the Justice Center.
 - Upcoming Meeting Dates are:
 - Friday, December 14th, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 14th, 2018 at 8:15 a.m.