

# Door County Partnership for Children and Families Quarterly Partnership Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2023 @ 8:15 a.m.  
Community Foundation – Rock Island Room  
222 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – Sturgeon Bay, WI

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The mission of the Door County Partnership for Children and Families is to promote resilience, strength, and social-emotional well-being for the families in our community.

Attendance: Rebecca Paulsen (DCPCF), Cori McFarlane (DCPCF co-chair), Mary Ellen Smith (DCPCF co-chair), Ann Smejkal (Community Member), Beth Chisholm (DCDHHS), Beth Lokken (DC Library), Callie Krauel (DCMC), Candis Dart (Extension), Josh Oberndorfer (YMCA), Shauna Blackledge (DC-Public Health), Helen Bacon (City Council), Gina Felhofer (Family Services N.E.W), Kathy Schultz (DCDHHS), Nikki Voight (Door-Tran), Evonne LaCrosse (Door-Tran), Molly Gary (United Way), Kyle Veaser (Law Enforcement – County), Barb Johnson-Giese (DCMC), Katy DeVillers (Sawyer School)

1. Chad – Chad is unable to be with us today due to a minor complication with his hip surgery.
2. DCPCF program updates
  - a. Dolly Parton Imagination Library – 758 active / 657 graduated
  - b. Block Party – held an informal one at the YMCA in November in conjunction with the Escape Rooms event – December Fish Creek YMCA cancelled due to illness and will be rescheduled in January
  - c. Community Connections – served 33 families so far this year which is a bit down
    - i. Outreach - - School Guidance counselors, Latino Resource Fair at Sevastopol (after outreach referrals started coming in)
    - ii. Diapers/Wipes/Formula - so far this year we have served 60 families. We have spent over \$17k and processed 354 orders.
  - d. Welcome Baby program – since we began 89 moms were given Welcome Baby materials. 35 positive screens / 14 referred to Healthy Families / 10 Enrolled in Healthy Families.
3. DCPCF Executive Committee update – committee has completed a strategic planning session and finalizing the plan today. The focus areas are: Strengthening Families, School Readiness, Services/Activities for Youth and Financial Stability. The committee is working on updating administrative documents as well such as committee member position descriptions, staff job descriptions, etc
4. Raising Wisconsin Children Conference – Raising Wisconsin’s Children is a virtual, day-long event for dads, moms, grandparents, teachers, and other people caring for kids. This free, online conference provides supportive, practical parenting and child development information. This year’s session topics include choosing high-quality shows and apps for young children, creating gender affirming homes, nurturing positive body image in kids, developing healthy youth athletes, understanding social media’s impacts on teens, and practicing mindfulness as parents! Learn more and register here: <https://go.wisc.edu/rwc2024>

5. Next meeting date: **Friday – March 15, 2024 @ 8:15a.m.**

**Agency updates and other information shared:**

**Door County Library:** Door County Reads has started. The Book this year is Braiding Sweetgrass (the YA edition) by Robin Wall Kimmerer. There are still some gift copies available at Library branches, but the book is available in E and Audio form on Hoopla. Watch the Library Website for programs starting January 20th and running until mid-February.

<https://www.doorcountylibrary.org/doorcountyreads.html>

Beth also reported that they now have changing stations in both restrooms at the Sturgeon Bay branch.

**Jak's Place:** JAK's Place closed 12-25-23 until Wed. Jan. 3rd, 2024. Two Free Weekly Meals. Call for with questions. (920) 818-0525. Reminder call or text **9-8-8** for any mental health crisis you might find yourself in. Open Regular hours with groups each day.

