

AzNN Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 5th,2015

LOCATIONS: iLinc

PRESENT:

Organization	Name
AzNN	Sawsan Madanat, Stephanie Martinez, Noelle Veilleux , Ryan Lang
Evaluation	Theresa LeGros
Apache Ext	
Cochise Ext	
Coconino HD	
Gila HD	
Graham Ext	
Greenlee Ext	
La Paz Ext	
Maricopa HD	Tina Wegner
Maricopa Ext	
Mohave HD	Melissa Palmer(sitting in for Deb Conter)
Mohave Ext	
Navajo HD	Amanda Chee
Navajo Ext	
Pima Ext	
Pinal Ext	
Santa Cruz Ext	
Yavapai HD	
Yavapai Ext	Hope Wilson
Yuma HD	Suzanne M. Cooper

Agenda Item	Details
Introductions/Icebreaker	<p>Committee members introduced themselves and talked about their experience in Early childhood settings and one accomplishment that they are proud of for the past year:</p> <p>1- Tina Wegner: <i>Accomplishment:</i> Amount of Gardens that were put in child Care facilities <i>EC Experience:</i> worked in a couple of different role in EC for past 3 years</p> <p>2- Sawsan Madanat: <i>Accomplishment:</i> Empower Conference 2015 <i>EC Experience:</i> Managed Empower Program for past 3 years</p> <p>3- Ryan Lang: <i>Accomplishment:</i> <i>Obesity Prevention Resource Guide</i></p>

4- Stephanie Martinez:

Accomplishment: completing RFGA and new scope of work for next 3 years

EC Experience: No direct experience in ECE, A lot of experience in SNAP-Ed program

5- Noelle Veilleux:

Accomplishment: Developing LMS courses

EC Experience: Empower Home visiting and Empower Program Nutritionist for the past couple of years

6- Hope Wilson

Accomplishment: Taking part in a collaborative program called the Yavapai Seasonal Harvest. Program has become much more organized and has its own newsletter and website.

EC Experience: New to ECE, mostly worked with k-12 populations. Has attended EC trainings and classes as well as participated in Farm to Preschool Committee.

7- Melissa Palmer

Accomplishment: Developed solid partnerships that are now paying off as we enter FY2016

EC Experience: About 8 years ago had worked in developmental preschool that were attached to school sites and done nutrition education, and past 2 years added in all the Head start in Mohave county and serving them.

8- Theresa LeGros:

Accomplishment: Revised Evaluation Framework that has been put together for next 3 years.

EC Experience: Specialist for Early Childhood since beginning of Fiscal year and did much research beforehand- fairly new to EC as focus area

9- Amanda Chee:

Accomplishment: Seeing the outcome of the collaboration with the child care providers such as the gardens that were built.

EC Experience: Previous role was Coordinator in the Nutrition Education Obesity (NEOP) Program provided through First Thing's First, provided training and TA on nutrition, PA, and garden work and policy pieces to child Care providers and home based programs.

10- Suzanne Cooper:

Accomplishment: Being able to participate in one of Yum County's' first HIA training

EC Experience: Limited experience- have worked with Head Start and done education for children and Parents

<p>Review Subcommittee Objectives</p>	<p>Some of the feedback from the subcommittee indicated that members appreciated the objectives, especially objective one that emphasizes building capacity of local community partners.</p> <p>Committee members would like to build capacity in the Early Childhood setting and be able to learn from others, as some expressed that they have limited experience in EC. Others shared that having objective for the committee in a good idea. Committee members are excited about having stronger support and resources for EC.</p> <p>It was also noted that EC evaluation can support and assist in meeting objective 3.</p> <p>A chart that was sent out to reflect the counties that have selected EC strategies.</p>
<p>ECE Evaluation Discussion</p>	<p>Tina Wegner from Maricopa had a concern regarding meeting deliverables since the Go NAPSACC tool training is not scheduled until February of 2016.</p> <p>Theresa from UoA Evaluation team explained that the NAPSACC is a self-assessment instrument is to be used along with the facilities' director. There are 6 different topics in the assessment but partners will only be using the two topics on nutrition and PA for EC strategies. If more than one strategy in EC is selected, partners would still use the same assessment.</p> <p>Scheduling the trainings: different factors were considered when scheduling training such as school year schedule, information overload in the beginning of new FY, and # of partners who selected specific strategies. Priority was given to School Health as they don't operate year round.</p> <p>Partners who chose the EC strategies have until FY2018 to complete the final NAPSACC assessment which will be completed for strategies 13, 14, and 15, while the initial baseline assessment will need to be completed after the training. Partners may also use the NAPSACC tool now as a Program Improvement Guide.</p> <p>Theresa also mentioned that there is a possibility to schedule the training sooner if needed.</p> <p>Stephanie Martinez reminded the group to keep in mind that there are also a lot of other current commitments so that they are not overwhelmed.</p> <p>Committee decided to keep the schedule of training in February (11th). Training will be via I-linc and will be recorded.</p> <p>Another issue raised was what is the partner's role in conducting the NAPSACC tool since it is a self-assessment? Theresa explained that depending on the relationship between the partner and the director of the child care facility, this tool can be done face to face or over the phone. The partner's role will also be to prepare the provider ahead of time and also <u>facilitate</u> the process by conducting the assessment</p>

	<p>together.</p> <p>The self-assessment process for PA is shorter (22 questions) than nutrition piece (45 questions) and may take up to 30 minutes or less... However the assessment for both nutrition and PA for strategy 13 may take up to 1.5hr. NAPSACC assessment cover page has a list of documents needed to prepare for the assessment. Will go through this in much more detail in training.</p>
<p>Other Issues</p>	<p>Potential topics for next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • translating/applying best practices into classroom setting • Getting into ECE settings
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>December 3rd, 2015</p>