

AzNN Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2016

LOCATIONS: iLinc

PRESENT:

Organization	Name
AzNN	Noelle Veilleux, Bonnie Williams
Evaluation	Theresa LeGros
Apache Ext	
Cochise Ext	
Coconino HD	Nola Haynes
Gila HD	
Graham Ext	
Greenlee Ext	
La Paz Ext	
Maricopa HD	Tina Wegner
Maricopa Ext	
Mohave HD	Deb Conter
Mohave Ext	
Navajo HD	
Navajo Ext	
Pima Ext	
Pinal Ext	
Santa Cruz Ext	
Yavapai HD	Christina Montero
Yavapai Ext	Rebecca Serratos
Yuma HD	

Agenda Item	Details
<p>Follow-up to Go Nap SACC Evaluation Training</p> <p>Lead: Theresa LeGros</p>	<p>Evaluation team opens discussion to the group for feedback following the Go Nap SACC evaluation training provided by the Evaluation team in February.</p> <p>1) What are partners currently doing with Nap SACC—is anyone using with centers or providers yet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yavapai Ext: Attended the Go Nap SACC training and has downloaded the documents. Has not connected with centers yet. • Discussed collaboration between Yavapai Ext and HD with plans to team up and join efforts and share contacts to increase number of centers potential to receive nutrition and PA TA. • Yavapai HD has connected with a few centers and been able to complete initial assessments and send in to Evaluation. • Maricopa County HD is familiar with Nap SACC due to previous role with the Empower PLUS program, has been using the Nap SACC since last year. Since the

	<p>training has only used one time, but plans to introduce the Nap SACC to a new program this (4/7/16) afternoon.</p> <p>2) Evaluation reminds partners to share any outstanding questions or challenges that have or do come up since the training in February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yavapai Ext expressed concerns that Nap SACC may be conflicting with Head Start policies (primary contact list is HS centers) causing reluctance to reach out to providers—is it appropriate to reach out directly to centers or notify HS administration first? • ADHS ECE Manager (Empower Program) recommends getting in touch with Katherine (? last name) at NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Governments)—doesn't think anything in Nap SACC will conflict with HS practices. Can be seen as a “win” as it complements their efforts and can support their programmatic self-assessments. <p>3) Does the Go Nap SACC align with program planning? Are there any gaps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consensus in the group that the Nap SACC aligns well with program planning and supports AzNN strategy efforts. <p>4) Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maricopa HD: Notes that when used with Empower Plus+, trainers were encouraged to get input from multiple sources (Directors, lead teachers, center staff) about practices in the center to complete the assessment. Some Directors are very aware of classroom practices (and staff are aware of expectations) but variability is high. • ADHS ECE Manager: Suggestion from Empower PLUS+-- leave Nap SACC in a common area, allow staff to anonymously mark what their response would be. If there are five staff, the assessment is complete when there are five tick marks or indications for a given question. Allows all staff to have a voice and may provide a clearer picture of practices that routinely do or do not occur.
<p>Resource Highlight: Active Play! Physical Activities for Young Children</p> <p>Lead: Noelle Veilleux</p>	<p>See presentation in ilinc recording.</p> <p>Remind group that Active Play is an approved resource in the AzNN Obesity Prevention Resource Guide and where to order.</p> <p>Supports AzNN Strategies 13 and 15 as well as Empower Standards 1 and 8.</p> <p>Reviewed some common concepts in Active Play as well as highlights from an example activity. Click here for Active Play! Sample Activities.</p> <p>Discussion notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Active Play Empower Regional Training is available on the Empower website. -DVD included with Active Play! Book provides examples of activities with narration. These are a useful tool in building confidence and

	<p>familiarity with the concepts and activities in the book.</p> <p>Maricopa HD shared that Active Play! activities have been well received in their work with centers. One center enjoyed them so much they invited Maricopa back to do weekly Family Fun Nights. Will continue to do so on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Maricopa HD also developed “Grab and Go Activity Packs” with Active Play! activities in mind. Consists of a small bag/backpack containing the supplies needed for an activity as well as a laminated instruction card.</p> <p>Teachers have easy access to a quick activity they can use in transitions times, free time, or any time the kids need to get some energy out. Highlighted use of readily available, low cost, simple supplies.</p>
<p>CATCH Early Childhood Lead: Tina Wegner</p>	<p>Inquired about addition of CATCH Early Childhood to the AzNN Resource Guide.</p> <p>AzNN Nutritionist to follow up—under review currently.</p>
<p>Contractor’s Meeting Poster Submission Lead: Rebecca Serratos</p>	<p>Yavapai Ext and Garden Kitchen have volunteered to put together the poster that will be featured at next month’s Contractor’s Meeting. Requests additional submission from the group, primarily:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pictures highlighting successes or efforts in EC 2) No more than 200 words max highlighting current activities related to work in early childhood or developments from the subcommittee.
<p>Other:</p>	<p>No meeting next month due to Contractor’s Meeting.</p> <p>Please send agenda items or ideas for future meetings to Tina Wegner or Noelle Veilleux.</p> <p>Effective immediately Noelle Veilleux is the AzNN lead for Early Childhood Strategies (13, 14, 15).</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday June 2, 2016</p>