



Clinton County LEARN / LICC Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/28/12

Attendance:	Karen M. Krise	Central Intermediate Unit # 10
	Marilyn Ely	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR EI
	Barb Wilson	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR EI
	Deb West	Lycoming-Clinton MH/MR EI
	Vicki Lewis	Penn State Cooperative Extension
	Wendy Lupold	Infant Development Program
	Lisa Bartholomew	Infant Development Program
	Lisa Tibbens	Pre-K-Counts
	Laurie Welch	PSU Extension/Susquehanna Health
	Tobi Diggs	Lycoming/Clinton CCIS
	Roma Greenly	PA Key
	Nicole Golden	Parent to Parent of PA

Minutes:

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Agency Updates/Correspondence:

Infant Toddler Early Intervention:

- Marilyn reported that new referrals are now at normal levels after having been lower in recent months.
- She is working on her improvement plan after the verification process. The Lycoming/Clinton Infant Toddler Early Intervention program received a 96% on the verification, and Marilyn is very happy with that.
- Screening activities continue to be discussed and other strategies are being explored to continue with the child find process.

CIU # 10 Preschool Early Intervention:

- Karen noted that the Preschool EI Program at CIU # 10 had verification last year at this time, and will have a validation meeting on April 9th to review the improvement plan and make sure it is completed.
- The most recent Reach & Risk Report from OCDEL was used to provide relevant information to the IU board, which consists of one representative from each of the 12 school districts served by the IU. The handout provided to the board members included the Pennsylvania state summary, the summary for each county (Centre, Clearfield, Clinton), and the summary for each school district.
- Karen provided copies of the handout to the LEARN/LICC members.

Infant Development Program:

- Wendy reported that IDP is arranging a public service announcement using a fact sheet on developmental milestones that was previously used by the LICC for public service announcements. It will be played on Bear 99.9 and 106.9 in Renovo. This will be for the Week of the Young Child in April.
- Lisa B. stated that the 3-5 slots for children receiving early intervention services are almost all full this year. The typical preschool is full with a waiting list.
- IDP will be participating in the LHU Children's Festival on Saturday, April 28th, from 1-4pm. This year's theme is "It Takes a Village".

Early Head Start:

Not Present.

Lycoming-Clinton Head Start:

Not Present.

Department of Health:

Not Present.

CCIS:

- Tobi stated that there is a wait list in both counties.
- The guidelines for subsidized child care have become stricter for families.
- She is waiting to see how the budget cuts may affect the program. It could result in fewer slots available to families.

Building Blocks:

Not Present.

Lock Haven YMCA Childcare:

Not Present.

Penn State Cooperative Extension/PA One Book:

- Vicki reported that her car is currently full of "one book" books ("Stop Snoring, Bernard!"). She is in the process of delivering the books to everyone.
- The author visit for One Book will be Tuesday, May 1st at the Ross Library, at 10:30am. The schedule for author visits is listed on line.
- Three more readers are needed for Clinton County, members are asked to check with her if they could be available.
- The Shining Stars deadline has been extended to March 30th for anyone who may have a submission. Clinton County has sent in one entry so far.

Pre-K Counts:

- Lisa stated that the Jersey Shore School District is sponsoring a transition night on April 24th. There will be information tables and children's activities. Pre-K teachers and Kindergarten teachers are scheduled to do presentations.

- Spring Kindergarten registration was very successful this year with 30% more of the eligible children registering. Some articles were published in the local paper, which may have helped.
- Kindergarten Camp is scheduled again for this summer. Lisa has been tracking Pre-K Counts and Kindergarten Camp for the last 4 years, and can say that it is making a big difference for children.
- Jersey Shore School District has submitted a continuation grant for the 20 existing PKC slots, and has requested some additional slots.

Parent-to-Parent of Pennsylvania:

- Nicole introduced herself as a parent of quadruplets who were born very prematurely (now 4 years old). She has been the North Central Regional Coordinator for 4 months.
- One of her sons has a hearing loss, and she is also a parent guide for a new state program called "Guide by Your Side" for families of children (birth to age 3) who have a hearing loss.
- Nicole shared a successful story about a recent parent match. She also noted that they can match families in other states if they don't have a Pennsylvania match. She made 17 matches last month.
- Parent to Parent also starts support groups in local communities; currently they are starting one in Bradford County.

PA Keys:

- Roma's title is Preschool Program Specialist and she covers a number of counties. She monitors both Pre-K Counts and Head Start programs. She provides technical assistance to these programs.
- Head Start programs are currently re-applying for state funded slots – a competitive grant process is going on right now.
- Continuation grants are being renewed for Pre-K Counts programs. They are being continued for one more year, and then they will go through a competitive process again.

On-Going Business:

Finance:

- No current expenditures, but we have an upcoming training and will need to print some flyers.
- Lisa Bangson has accepted the position of Executive Director of IDP and will need to resign as the treasurer of LEARN/LICC.

Screening Committee:

- Barb reported that the last screening was held on March 19th at the Department of Health. 6 children were signed up and 5 attended. The results were that 1 referral was made to Infant Toddler Early Intervention and 3 referrals were made to Preschool Early Intervention.
- The next screening event will be April 16th at IDP.

New Business:

- The flyer for the LEARN/LICC sponsored training on April 23rd has been sent out to everyone for distribution. It will be held at the Covenant United Method Church from 5:30 to 8:00.
- The training is called "What is Typical Development? Red Flags: What to look for and how to approach parents". It will be presented by Cherie Neely (CIU # 10) and Charlotte Conser

(IDP) and is targeted to childcare, preschool, and early intervention staff. There is no charge to participants and Act 48 and DPW credits will be available.

- IDP will purchase light refreshments at Walmart and will be reimbursed by the LEARN/LICC Team.
- Discussion was held on how much to pay the presenters and \$200 each was the decision. A \$50 donation will be given to the church for the use of the facilities.
- Barb Wilson will make more copies of the flyer and Vicki Lewis will pass out to child care providers.

LEARN Grant:

- Lori Welch attended and informed the team that the LEARN grant for 2012-2013 will be submitted for Clinton County. She has been working on it and will send it out for review before submission. The focus for the grant deliverables is still basically the same as this year.

Next Meeting: April 25 @ 9:30am at Infant Development Program

Respectfully submitted by Karen M. Krise, Secretary

2011-2012 Officers:
Chair: Vicki Lewis
Co-Chair: Tobi Diggs
Secretary: Karen M. Krise
Treasurer: Lisa Bangson
Screening Co-Chairs: Barb Wilson
Deb West

