

CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



Goal Team Monthly Report Goal Team: Kindergarten Readiness

1. Updates since the last report as copied below

Community Awareness -

The Walk as One campaign took place on September 13th from 5-7 PM

- Read. Talk. Play. EVERY DAY! Was the message
- Over 100 volunteers at the 2 locations (Garden Hills and south of Preston Williams Elem)
- This event was a collaboration between CUC2C KR, Community Coalition and UWCC
- Great involvement by both Unit 4 and 116 school districts
- 400 bags were distributed
- Bag contents included parent information on SE development, community resources, READY, books, crayons, activity suggestions, etc
- Another 100 bags are going to Rantoul
- A follow up survey has been sent
- Great interest from volunteers and partnering organizations wanting to conduct another Walk focused on early childhood in the future
- The CAC's next meeting will focus on carrying the Read. Talk. Play message throughout the year via guerilla marketing

Child Find – would like to merge the Child Find Strategy team into the already existing Birth to Three Council. This Council was not meeting on a regular basis the last few years but new management at CU Early has reestablished the team and Felicia Gooler, Bev Baker, and Patti Hood all feel like it would be a good fit. Once approved by OT, Patti will approach CU Early for their approval.

We are currently working on providing Welcome Baby Bags for “Baby Talk” at Carle and CU Early’s families.

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Family KR Camp – Bottenfield PTA voted to put summer camp in their budget. Bottenfield would like to invite other Champaign Elementary schools to come observe what they are doing for camp this next year.

READY! for Kindergarten – We will host four parent workshops for parents of 0 – 1 year old’s, 3 – 4 year old’s, and 4 – 5 year old’s. Registration is at 30 confirmed families. We have added a new form of communication with families – face book. We have a Face Book Coordinator and we will be putting families in a group according to when their child graduates from high school. For example: our 4 – 5-year-old group will be called Class of 2030. It is our hope that this group can follow them through high school graduation. We are also training home visitors at CU Early, Head Start, and DSC on the program for their home visiting programs. We are waiting for the new curriculum to come out in late October from READY! for

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Kindergarten for Family Home Day Care Providers. Patricia Avery is reaching out to home day cares in the areas surrounding Garden Hills, BTW, and Stratton.

2. Any assistance you would like to request from the steering committee

None at this time

3. Other comments

We would like the Community Council to pass along the READY! for Kindergarten flyer to anyone who has a child 0 – 1 years of age or 3 – 4 years old or 4 – 5 years old.