

# CU Cradle2Career

Pathways to Success for Every Student



## Goal Team Monthly Report

### Goal Team: Kindergarten Readiness

#### 1. Team progress since the last report (attach meeting minutes if applicable)

KR Goal Team meeting held August 10 with 17 people in attendance. Carle representatives Juilanna Sellett and special guests Jonathan Woods, new director of “Healthy Beginnings” Community Initiative plus Dr. Malcolm Hill, Carle Pediatrician were in attendance. They presented and answered questions from the team.

#### Community Awareness –

- Continuing work with Parkland ECE on special project.
- Walk As One will be happening again this fall on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bev Baker for details and sign ups.

#### Child Find –

- DSC continuing to work at Carle on Baby Talk – Newborn Encounters.

#### QUEL –

- Continued work with the READY program for home visitors at Head Start, CU Early, and workshops for parents. *Update: We are collaborating with Head Start with the READY! for Kindergarten workshops for parents. They will provide location, child care, and some staff stipends.*
- Plans of hosting a READY training for home day care providers *Update: February/April 2018. Collaborating with Head Start. Working on securing funding from United Way.*
- Nathaniel Banks will be working with Bev and Patti to host a meeting for key and influential leaders in the African American community to discuss importance of early childhood and introduce the READY for Kindergarten curriculum and discuss ways in which they could help invite families to workshops. *Update: Lee Ann Kelly and Patti Hood*

*met with Karen Sims from the Coalition who are also working on hosting a meeting with same key leaders – we hope to collaborate to avoid duplication.*

**2. If no significant progress made indicate issues with progress**

**3. Agenda item(s) for discussion at next Steering committee (if any).**

**a. Define issue and desired outcome of discussion.**

**b. Attach relevant documents needed to prepare for discussion**

### **Last month's report**

Team progress since the last report (attach meeting minutes if applicable)

The full goal team met on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The teams reported out to each other (see below) and we welcomed two new members. Bev, Patti and Joan are working on resubmitting some requested information to ILCHF for the grant that was received last year. The next goal team meeting will be in August. Carle representatives will talk to the group about their planed outreach work.

#### Community Awareness –

- The team is working with Parkland ECE on special project for the creation of toolkits for businesses, churches, etc that would educate and support our message in a culturally conscious way.

#### Child Find –

- DSC working on developing and collecting data for Newborn Encounters at Carle using the Baby Talk model. Increasing the number of families at Carle using the program.

#### Que –

- READY! for Kindergarten team finished the fourth and final workshop for 37 families end of April. We are working towards a collaboration with Carle and Champaign Unit 4 for next year.
- READY! for Kindergarten team will assist CU Early and is reaching out to Crisis Nursery for the home visitation programs using the READY! curriculum. Head Start will be trained this summer on the entire READY! program curriculum and put it in place in their budget for their home visitation program.
- Working on training local home day cares in the Garden Hills/BTW areas on READY! for Kindergarten in the fall of 2017.