



Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Virtual Meeting

Welcome and Introductions

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement, Deanna Stewart welcomed attendees and initiated introductions.

Strengthening Families

DCYF Primary and Community Prevention Lead, Erinn Havig provided an overview of the Parent Leadership Expansion project and gave an opportunity for members to provide feedback.

- [Strengthening Families Presentation](#)
- [Strengthening Families Discussion Question Responses and Feedback](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The support I had from my family advocate and the family coordinator. • The pre-school from the administration team to the teaching team. • Absolutely yes for including lived experience in candidate assessment for a position. • Pay parents for their time, compensate fairly, possible set an hourly wage. • Like the money you get for being in a research study. Definitely needs to be enough to cover childcare. • Parent experience is valuable. It is as valuable as any other member of the team. It's important to treat them as an equal part of the team • Do you have examples of what you both do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some of the most transformative experiences have been parents participating in all of our reviews. Whether that is new employees or funding reviews for our funding opportunities so we can get insight into what parents would care about and be passionate about. Community Cafes are another example. Bringing the protective factors to life is a great training and really sticks when it can be provided and led by a parent. Parents have signed up to collect stories from families. • What kinds of presentations, trainings, or capacity building for parent leadership would you like to see? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pointing parents in the right direction towards community action groups and showing parents that there are other ways they can be involved in their communities that can give them opportunities to grow and be hands on. • It is part of advocacy and leadership. Sharing stories are necessary if the goal is to create any type of change. Some people might not feel comfortable sharing, and that's fine too, but without illustrating the problems or gaps in services, how will anyone know what needs to change? • The DCYF Unsung Heroes campaign does that every year! • Parent Recognition Month stories are my favorite. • Those Unsung Heroes posts are some of the best of the year coming from DCYF
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Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- [Meeting Closing Reflection Question Responses and Feedback](#)

Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next Parent Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022. • Community Engagement will send out an in-person meeting interest survey for the July meeting.
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