Birth to Third Grade (B-3)  
Meeting of the Networks  

January 25, 2016, 3:00-5:00 pm at NIU Naperville, Room 166  

Notes  
Introduction and Welcome – Doug Baker (NIU) & Kathy Stohr (OECD)  
Small Group Discussions  
- Inventory  
  - Existing  
    - DCFS Service Provider Database  
    - SPARK Resource Directory  
    - Kane County Health Department Inventory (many counties have an inventory)  
      211 (live person)  
    - CAP4KIDS  
    - Partner Plan Act (partnerplanact.org) – IL Action for Children  
    - Innovations in the City – Word documents to take door to door; Facebook pages to share information  
    - Oakpark Collaboration Resource Guide  
  - Critical Components  
    - Searchable using jargon (for providers) and non-industry terms (for families)  
    - Maps with directions; “You are here”  
    - Tip sheets to navigate phone systems and to know who/what type of person to ask for (e.g. case manager who works with staffing)  
    - Needs localized and family centered and include non-standard information (like faith groups, park services, etc)  
    - Gap analysis for missing services  
    - Mobile adapted; text enabled (not just paper)  
    - Not flashy; straightforward; easy to access (not password protected)  
    - “Make it as easy as Google” – both in robust nature and ease of use  
    - Resources for families that are having barriers to services (e.g. special education; transportation to services; what to do if your car’s been repossessed)  
    - Community based – making connections across networks  
    - Multiple languages  
    - Must be real time and kept up to date  
    - Must navigate across siloes  
- Other  
  - Flow charting may be a good way to visualize the information  
  - Do user testing one on one  
  - Marketing should bridge the creating awareness and access for families  
  - Consider doing a beta site with Google to see where the placement of buttons is most effective  
  - Create a “family support plan” like an IEP for families that transitions from level to level, do we need legislation? Possible research project
• Needs to be more than a website – need the “warm hand off” (relationship with the family) and the infrastructure to do that
  • Create regional hubs of people to do the warm hand off. Calling for services while families are still in the room. Don’t need to know what to do but need to have the background information to put families in touch with the right people.
  • Need to be available after 5 pm

• Networking
  o Need for networking across funding streams in high-impact best practice topics
  o Need to bring people together with diverse perspectives, not to have experiences validated
  o Need models for interagency agreements and family agreements
  o NIU provide technical support to determine and train people to collect and analyze data to look for trends and make decisions
  o Look at outcome data to determine professional development needs; work across organizations to provide professional development
  o NIU could work as a neutral convener of conversations around best practices
  o Use collective impact processes for community alignments

• Research Questions/data
  o Desire for an aligned data system and gap analysis
  o Map of local services? Like SPARK?
  o Counts that are difficult to get that would be helpful (homeless, pregnancy, family disconnection)
  o Other – fiscal resource mapping, IDPH disadvantaged index, local data dashboard, update on statewide ILDS work

Resources Identified
• CCAP Data - [http://iecam.illinois.edu/definitions/ChildCare/CCAP-assistance-FY2013.html](http://iecam.illinois.edu/definitions/ChildCare/CCAP-assistance-FY2013.html)
• Early Learning Council’s Data, Research, and Evaluation (DRE) Committee’s research agenda and notes - [http://www.illinois.gov/gov/OECD/Pages/DataResearchandEvaluation.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/gov/OECD/Pages/DataResearchandEvaluation.aspx) (Joanna Su)
• Educare Chicago Toolkit - [http://www.theounce.org/btctoolkit/](http://www.theounce.org/btctoolkit/) (Elizabeth Rothkopf)
• ExceleRate Illinois - [http://www.excelerateillinois.com/](http://www.excelerateillinois.com/)
• Early Childhood and Parenting (ECAP) Collaborative - [http://ecap.crc.illinois.edu/pubs/innovation-zones/index.html](http://ecap.crc.illinois.edu/pubs/innovation-zones/index.html)
• IECAM - [http://iecam.illinois.edu/index.html](http://iecam.illinois.edu/index.html)
• Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) - [https://www.illinoiskids.org/](https://www.illinoiskids.org/)
• DCFS service provider database [https://illinoisoutcomes.dcfs.illinois.gov/](https://illinoisoutcomes.dcfs.illinois.gov/)