Birth to 3rd Grade Work Group

May 17, 10:00 – 12:00 pm
Northern Illinois University – Naperville Campus
Conference Room
Call in Number – 815 753-0016

Agenda

- Conduct data analysis and research in areas recommended by work group as a first step to identifying gaps and building bridges.
  
  **Illinois Early Childhood Data Dashboards** - Presentation by Jon Furr, NIU Government Systems Center and Anna Colaner, Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development

- Collect a regional inventory of programs and services, building on existing inventories and supporting collaborations
  
  - Update on Illinois 211 Centers and Online Database
  - June 13-15 Preschool Expansion Grant B-3rd grade, Elizabeth Rothkopf

- Provide ongoing opportunities for networking and professional development of B-3 providers.
  
  - BLOCK Fest debut at DeKalb Public Library June 10th [http://www.blockfest.org/](http://www.blockfest.org/)
  - (need two more sites before August 1st)
  - Stuffed Bunny Science Adventure Series – Debbie Pixton

- Next Steps

**Meeting materials**
Documents related to this topic are posted online at [www.niu.edu/p20network](http://www.niu.edu/p20network). Click on the Resources tab and then on the Birth – 3rd Grade Work Group under Meetings and Materials. Feel free to send links to other documents that you recommend for this group to Amy Jo Clemens (ajclemens@niu.edu).

**Location and Parking**
Information about and directions to NIU Naperville Campus is found here [http://www.niu.edu/conferenceCenters/naperville/directions.shtml](http://www.niu.edu/conferenceCenters/naperville/directions.shtml)

**Always in Mind**
**Goal**: Collaborate with ongoing activities at state and regional levels that improve preparation of children from birth to grade 3 for success in school, family and community life and to design initiatives that address unmet needs identified through research.

**2016 Objectives and Deliverables**
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