Birth to 3rd Grade Work Group

July 11, 2016 Noon-2 pm
Northern Illinois University – Naperville Campus
Executive Board Room 165
Call in Number – To Be Sent before meeting

Agenda – Action Planning for

- Collect a regional inventory of programs and services, building on existing inventories and supporting collaborations – types of systems (binders vs databases vs referral systems)
  - Update on Illinois 211 Centers and Online Databases
    - NIU Springboard Research Project for 211
  - Referral systems
    - AOK Network GP3S Coordinated Referral System Update

- Provide ongoing opportunities for networking and professional development of B-3 providers.
  - Joint PD opportunities – grants? foundations?
    - Prevention
      - Chronic Absenteeism – PD overview on the impact of Chronic Absenteeism
      - Trauma-informed schools
    - Content connections (vertical alignment 3 years-3rd grade)
      - Example -Project Approach and Next Generation Science Standards
      - Play based Learning – Elgin full day Kindergarten
  - BLOCK Fest

If time, we can talk about these additional items. If not, we will keep it for the next meeting.

- Conduct data analysis and research in areas recommended by work group as a first step to identifying gaps and building bridges.
  - New version of the Mindard Map for EC – draft will be posted
  - Gold Rated Programs – Role of Higher Ed?

- Next Steps

Meeting materials
Documents related to this topic are posted online at 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

**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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