



SFY 20 Annual Report: Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Board

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Activities

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- Discussions about how child care programs handling issues related to COVID-19 and implementation of best practices related to public health.
- Discussions and feedback related to how CARES funding will be used to support homes, centers and ministries that had to close due to a positive COVID test and recommendations from local health departments that programs or classes close.
- The advisory boards provided information to the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning regarding access to fingerprinting sites and suggested ways to work with the state's vendor to add greater capacity.
- Discussion and guidance was provided regarding child care programs and the need to add pandemic clauses to their parent handbook.
- Discussions were held regarding CPR and the requirements for the "hands on" portion and any impact that COVID-19 was or is having on accessing this training.
- Discussed and brought awareness to COVID-19 protocols for things such as face coverings and closure due to COVID-19 outbreaks.



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- Many of the discussions involved sharing of ideas on what precautions to take due to COVID-19, how to operate during the pandemic, as well as how to reopen after closures. The exchange of ideas was very helpful and provided support between members and insights to the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning on how to support programs more fully.
- Due to some of the members leaving their positions at child care centers, new members were added to replace those individuals and discussions were fruitful in assisting in finding new members to be actively engaged.
- Staff from the United Way of Central Indiana attended two of the meetings and kept directors updated on any Indiana legislation being discussed that pertained to child care or early childhood education. The group wrote a letter of support for the expansion of the On My Way Pre-K program to legislators.
- The deputy director of Operations and Strategic Integration at SPARK Learning Lab along with other staff members attended most of the meetings to help keep providers aware of what was happening at SPARK and to ask for input and suggestions from members.
- Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children staff also attended several meetings to report on what was new with their agency and what supports are available.
- Members of the group discussed their staffing and other concerns with OECOSL. Sharing difficulties they were facing due to COVID allowed the OECOSL to brainstorm with them on potential solutions.
- Council members and OECOSL staff discussed certain regulations or policies and how best to implement procedures that are within licensing standards.