

## AzNN Early Childhood Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 3<sup>rd</sup>,2015

LOCATIONS: iLinc

**PRESENT:**

Organization	Name
AzNN	Sawsan Madanat, Stephanie Martinez, Noelle Veilleux , Ryan Lang
Evaluation	
Apache Ext	
Cochise Ext	
Coconino HD	
Gila HD	
Graham Ext	
Greenlee Ext	
La Paz Ext	
Maricopa HD	Tina Wegner
Maricopa Ext	
Mohave HD	
Mohave Ext	
Navajo HD	Jacqui Stork (sitting in for Jen Parlin)
Navajo Ext	
Pima Ext	
Pinal Ext	
Santa Cruz Ext	
Yavapai HD	Christina Montero
Yavapai Ext	Hope Wilson
Yuma HD	Suzanne M. Cooper

Agenda Item	Details
EC Survey Results	<p>1. A quick review of the survey responses:</p> <p><b><u>Which topics do you feel you need more training/information on:</u></b> Most committee member selected ‘learning about AZ Child Care Licensing Rules and regulations as a topic they feel they need more info. On. Implementation of the Empower standards also received one response. A total of 5 responses were received in the survey.</p> <p><i>Suggestion: Invite Child Care licensing staff to a future meeting to answer questions and give overview of AZ’s Child Care licensing rules and reg.</i></p> <p><b><u>Interest in sharing current efforts (successes and challenges) to the committee in future meetings?</u></b> All respondents are willing to share information. Evaluation updates can also be shared to the subcommittee following the February NAP SAC training in February.</p>

	<p><b>Expectations from joining the EC Subcommittee? Learning more on ECE and building capacity seemed to be the overall arching theme. Comments included :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills to support EC strategies</li> <li>• Ways to market and sell Empower program</li> <li>• Nutrition education promising practices and needs in child care and preschool settings.</li> <li>• Fill curriculum gaps. Building the capacity of child care providers and their foundational nutritional knowledge to be able to teach curricula. (Suggestion: have a basic nutrition 101 course for providers).</li> <li>• Keep up to date with trainings and info from AzNN</li> </ul> <p><b>What can the subcommittee do to help you meet work goals?</b> Identifying and sharing of information on topics such as: creating Empower policies, trainings (to build staff capacity in EC and putting that in practice), successes and challenges, and CACFP and Head Start to help meet farm to child care goals were some of the main themes that were reflected.</p> <p><i>Suggestion: Get in touch with local partners/programs who are already working with EC sites, such as First Thing's First Child Care Health Consultants who have a lot of experience in EC. Working with each facility to leverage relationships and make sure efforts are supported and not duplicated.</i></p> <p>The committee discussed these findings and was in agreement with the responses.</p>
<p><b>Review of Empower Assistance Tool</b></p>	<p>Maricopa County shared with the committee a tool that they put together to facilitate conversations regarding the Empower standards with child care providers. The tool is not meant to act as an assessment, as providers get assessed by child care licensing already. However, the purpose of the tool is to help providers see where they are at in the implementation of the Empower standards, and identify areas they need more support in.</p> <p>Committee members are open to it and generally think it can be a helpful tool, rating not necessary. Suggestion: calling it a Goal setting tool, seems more appropriate and positive. Partners can help providers achieve these goals.</p> <p><i>Next steps: Maricopa County will work on incorporating suggestions into the tool in the next months, and will get in touch with AzNN to edit the tool and help make it more visually appealing. The updated tool will be presented to the subcommittee for review.</i></p>
<p><b>AzNN Partners' Meeting</b></p>	<p>The co-leads of the committee encouraged members to share any ideas for guest speakers, and session topics for the May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 Partners Meeting. The existing input from the subcommittee will</p>

	<p>also be used to identify topics.</p> <p>Suggested topic ideas for the Partner's meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- AZ Child care Licensing Rules and Regulations</li> <li>2- CACFP rules (the basics, how it relates to Family style meals and Empower, etc). Noelle will coordinate with ADE.</li> </ol>
Other Issues	<p>Sharing success stories in next meeting: Jacqui and Jen from the Garden Kitchen/UANN, Pima County Cooperative Extension volunteered to share their story in the next meeting.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016</p>