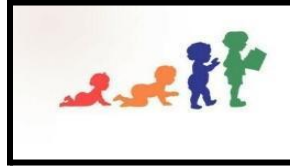


B2K School Readiness Action Team Highlights

August 2022 – July 2023



The B2K (Birth to Kindergarten) Action Team's mission is to ensure that **every** child in Geneva starts Kindergarten with the skills and experience needed to succeed in school, and that systems are in place to ensure that every parent/guardian has access to, is aware of, and is connected to the services they need.

First 1000 Days Promise partnership

- B2K Team actively supports daily Toddler Time and Super Saturdays at the Community Center. Hot breakfasts are served, food, supplies, books and toys are distributed. An 8 week series of parent coaching sessions was provided.
- 300 families (450 children) are currently enrolled
- B2K guidance committee meets weekly with First 1000 Days director

Task force: Parent and community engagement -- to reach families of pre-schoolers who are in most need of services to help their children become school-ready by the time they start Kindergarten

- New flyer to recruit new B2K members distributed over social media as well as in print
- May/June survey to families with pre-schoolers to get input on their specific needs to help inform the work we do.

Task Force: Supporting the Early Childhood Educators Workforce

- Considering a grant for a WAGES pilot program that provides education-based salary supplements to low-paid teachers, directors and family child care providers.
- Local survey data of salary and benefits of ECE workforce is being compiled by Child & Family Resource staff.
- Considering a community-wide summit for early childhood educators.
- Considering a community-wide workshop on Resiliency Factors.

Task Force: Building Connections and Resource Sharing – to improve the way agencies and providers share referrals.

- Reviewed online community referral systems *Unite Us* and *211*, web-based platforms service providers can use to refer families to appropriate agencies and track progress. Data can be collected to track usage.
- Considering ways to promote awareness and adoption of these systems by local service providers.

Task Force: Data collection

- Discussion underway to revise the GPACE survey to be more concise and selective in what data is most useful to collect from families with pre-school children.
- The revised survey could be administered in discussions with parents at the Super Saturday breakfasts.

- Agencies and providers are currently represented on the B2K Action Team by more than 40 people.

Co-Chairs Jennifer Morris, Shelle Basilio (April 2023-), Jena Fuchs (Feb. 2022-January 2023)

- Boys & Girls Club, **First 1000 Days**
- Child & Family Resources
- Child care centers: ABCD, Jim Dooley, Lakefront
- Family Counseling
- Finger Lakes Community Health
- FLMA Pediatrics and other medical personnel
- Geneva Reads
- Geneva school district personnel
- Geneva 2030
- Happiness House
- Head Start
- Healthy Families
- Mental Health personnel
- Ontario County Public Health
- Success for Geneva's Children
- West Street School
- WIC