Ridge Meadows Community Children’s Table Meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (1:00-2:30)

Host: Jenny Earley Platform: Zoom

Attendees:

* Cherie Martens, Christina Shearme, Danielle Elder, Drea Owen, Emily, Glenda Morin, Helen Rex, Jen Baillie, Jenny Earley, Jo-Anne MacKenzie, JoAnne White, John Heffernan, Kerry Lawson, Kristy Rogge, Natalie Binns, Nikki Nevison, Sarah Jost, Silvia Savignano, Susan Foster, Wendy Blaine

Regrets: None to report

Land Acknowledgement

Minutes have been adopted from the September meeting

Program Updates:

* Helen Rex, West Coast Healthy Babies

Hosting in person programming, regular attendees and new members attending as well, a number of new babies born recently, offering resources to support families with food security, some planning to access Christmas Hampers.

* Wendy Blaine/John Heffernan, Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living – Supported Child Development program

Child care inform workshop well attended, IDP/SCD staff in the office, visits are happening in back yards/play grounds, some visits being held in child care centres, some visits happening in the office/playroom, really busy, more people back in the office, adult day program spaces are being used for visits

* Nikki Nevison, Family Education & Support Centre

Anger Monster – November 7, Brave New You – November 7, next week programming starting in the schools, November 24 -Conflict Resolution Parenting.

* Sylvia Savignano, Family Education & Support Centre, Under the Tre

45 child care spaces (18-3-5 spaces, 15- before and after school spaces, 12 infant/toddler spaces). Facebook – please share our posts as we are a new child care facility and have child care spaces available.

Community space available, contact Sylvia for more information. Drop in Leaf gym program offered Tuesday/Wednesday mornings at the Under the Tree Child Care facility.

* Susan Foster, MCFD Early Years Team

Fall Early Years Workshop Series (on Zoom) – next sessions are being held October 28 (Play) and November 4 (Brain Development).

North Fraser Early Years monthly meetings –include regular check- ins and general topic discussion (last meeting - staff wellness/mental health). Next meeting in November – any volunteers to share your innovative program ideas for 10-15 minutes at the next meeting. Contact Susan if you are interested (Susan.Foster@gov.bc.ca).

* Christina Shearme, Community Network

Working on an article for the “News” newspaper article on the CNs work (food security). November CN meeting – more interactive opportunities – been discussing the broad topic of “system change” (gaps/issues in programs and services). Please send your program posters to: infor@resourceyourcommunity.com Posters can also be added to the Pathways website. This is a great opportunity as doctors/nurses access community info here.

* Jen Baillie

We will be introducing some new opportunities January to March for Child Care Centres to access dedicated time in the gymnasium to recreate. As well we will be offering Parent & Child Playtime reimagined in a different way for families to access. The first batch of our fall programs started this past week. All of our one session parent participation programs are full for the season, we may open up additional sessions with the waitlists as some of those have quite a few people on them. Registration for Active Kids Club opened yesterday for January to June. The pool is open and program have been busy so far with waitlist for a number of them. The Youth Cente is open as well for active recreation on some nights and then the lounge on the other days with reduced numbers to operate. We are in the process of putting together our Winter Programming for the Arts and Recreation Guide. Spring Break programming has been moved to come out in our Spring Guide for 2021 which is a change from previous years. Celebrate the Night is coming up and a great response form the community. The event is completely full and waitlisted. Our supervisor team recently completed the Trauma Informed training through RMACL that was just offered.

Drea Owens,

The Karate after school program is full and there has been low registration for many of the other after school pragmas and many have been cancelled.

* Emily, Fraser Health Pitt Meadows

159 cases of Covid 19 have been reported the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows communities. Coquitlam has a Covid screening site available. There have been 2000 Covid 19 tests per day in the Fraser health area. Reminder that flu vaccine is now available.

* Danielle Elder, Family Education & Support Centre, Under the Tree

Visitors welcome, call for a tour. Transportation notice – van can pick up and drop off at Family Ed. and transport children to the Under the Tree child care facility. We are using social media to get the word out about the new child care facility.

* Liza Morris – Maple Ridge Library

Story time to go bags/ grab and go bags and activity packages are available. Working on individual library zoom accounts as an opportunity to bring programming out to the community. Online kids programming available. Increased attendance in the library from seniors and families. Increased computer usage – work search/Covid forms.

* Natalie Binns, Family Education & Support Centre, Family Navigator

Gym time program at under the tree (T/W mornings). Spark program dates being finalized.

* Kristy Rogge

Pedagogists – watch for news regarding an upcoming information/workshop series for service providers

* Glenda, Fraser River Indigenous Society

Early Years Coordinator posting will change from part-time to full time, now accepting applications. Early Years and Child and Youth with Special Needs (CYSN) - working with the ministry on contract negations.

* Karrie Lawson, Family Support Institute of BC

Families supporting families, workshops being offered through zoom, up to 50 participants. Session this Thursday is supporting families with children 3-5 years of age and next Thursday supporting school aged children.

* JoAnne White, Community Parenting/|Family Place

Family Place - registered program is popular as families are missing in person interaction. Zoom sing-alongs and story times are continuing with nursing students offering presentations on sleep/nutrition to parents. End of October a book parade will be held – staff have been packaging up books and treats, families register, staff dress up and hand out the gifts. Staff are also taking some online training.

The Community Parenting proram is super busy.

* Cherie Martens, Fraser Valley Big Brothers/Sisters

Not able to offer in-school programming, at this time, in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows – meetings are being held in the community. Working on virtual opportunities to meet. Received funding for anxiety kits (items include things to do with their families or mentors). Have a summer/fall student and they have been assisting with virtual programming.

* Jenney Earley, Family Education & Support Centre

Single Moms group meeting virtually all other programs are being offered in person. The agency building is open to the public that drop by.

* RMCCT work plan (handout):

Infographic on the Work Plan for the RMCCT 2020-2021 (discussion)

* Connecting loving relationships for children, with adults who are not their parents (teacher/after school programing staff, etc.). Children benefit from connecting with a variety of people (to share their worries with).
* Building resiliency in children, ages 0-12 (programming that we offer to families and offering support to families in our community build resiliency in children).
* Time for child-led play (increase of children playing outside/parks/on walks, increase participation of online programming, may add a question to an upcoming parent questionnaire)
* Promote child rights (Children’s Charter). Is it the time to revisit this? Susan Foster is willing to bring an over view from the Tri-City experience.
* City of MR/UBC Help workshop review of MR/PM EDI/MDI results (Jenny Earley sent out links to the results). Susan and Jenny to bring more info to the next meeting.
* Parent survey conducted locally in May & August. Tri-Cities will be conduction one again in November. Is there an interest in another survey? Are children accessing recreation opportunities outside school hours? The survey results assisted us to identify local gaps, challenges, what services are they accessing to assist us in offering program to meet needs. Covid is still impacting families. Christina and Susan to work on the new survey.
* Elaine Yamamoto - Free Cycle, Clothing exchange is not currently being offered – at Eric Langton. Are there any agencies interested in taking curated clothing to distribute it to client families? Are there any legal issues that we should be aware of? How would an agency match families who have and need clothing – direct linking families together – screening, supervision or monitoring to ensure safety. Lots of questions and considerations. Please contact Elaine if you are interested: elaineyamamoto@shaw.ca
* Future RMCCT meetings: continue on Zoom or in person or a combination? Family Ed has 7 spaces available for an in-person meeting, may be hard to hear the in person participants, as we are in the second wave of Covid19 - in person meetings is not recommended at this time.

Next Meeting;

* Wednesday, November 18that 1:00 p.m.

Action Items

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