

spring into action

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Insights and Tools for Strengthening Early Childhood Collaborations & School District Partnerships

Agenda

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INTRODUCTION

- Introduce yourself

Name

Community

Role in community: early learning program, CCR&R, social service provider, etc.

- What is a question you hope to explore today?

BENEFITS

- Mutual gains
- Better coordination of services for families
- Building trust between partners

COLLABORATION EXAMPLE: JOLIET

Joy D'Amico
Director of Early Childhood Program
Development
Child Care Resource & Referral

ECE Summit Joliet



- Welcome/Introductions: Who do you serve, how often, what are your plans for 2018?
- Community Building for Young Children in Will County/Joliet
- Why Are We Here? Purpose of the meeting
- AOK History and Future
- ABLE Work and Next Steps
- PI/PFA 2018 Competitive Grants: Birth to Third Grade Continuum
- to Third Grade Continuum in our communities.
 - ISBE wants to see community efforts connecting and aligning systems for better outcomes for children.
 - Ensuring quality care and education are comprehensive and coordinated for all children birth through third grade.
- What other perspectives do we want to be at the table? District/County
- What data should be used to find common themes to determine changes that community programs need to make to improve children's outcomes?
 - Gaps of underserved children

COLLABORATION EXAMPLE: DEKALB

Pam Wicking

CCR&R Program Director

4-C:Community Coordinated Child Care

Q & A

TOOLKIT: *ENGAGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIONS*

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- Have you used this type of approach?
- Is the content clear?
- Is there any content that is missing?
- Are there additional ideas?

CLOSING

What other resources do you need to feel prepared to continue to or begin to engage school districts?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Early Childhood Advocacy Day, Springfield, May 9
- Partner Plan Act Conference, Bloomington, June 13
- Statewide Policy Caucus, Normal June 22