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

March 28, 2017
Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Benefits
- Examples of Engagement
- Q & A
- Toolkit feedback
- Closing
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: JOUET

Joy D’Amico
Director of Early Childhood Program Development
Child Care Resource & Referral
EC E 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
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