

FOSTER Committee of Practitioners Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 7, 2021

10 - 11 a.m. CST/11 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Maya Young
Heather Willis
Dr. Dan Froemel
Jay Stetzel
Jackie Jacobson
Lynn Dotson

Objective

- State Report Card data and how district use this data to guide, develop, and implement effective foster care programming.
- Professional Develop planning and district needs.

Minutes

- Dr. Froemel welcomed everyone and thanked the directors for participating.
- Doc had everyone chime in on their plans for summer. The directors responded enthusiastically to this. Clever way to start the meeting.
- Dr. Froemel shared information on the state report card and asked the directors how they use the state report card foster data in your LEA.
- Ms. Maya noted that the data is reviewed and used to start discussions (Education Stability Meetings) on foster needs and how to meet those needs. She noted credit recovery, specifically, as program used to meet foster needs. Dr. Froemel had Ms. Maya discuss Educational Stability meetings are done for each foster student enrolled and this meeting is separate from a Bid meeting, in order, to outline interventions that will help the student.
- Dr. Froemel asked the group about interventions used to help foster students.
- Mr. Jay noted that having a Foster POC has been helpful to work with school principals in helping students climatize to a new school.
- Mr. Jay discussed how bringing in Dr. Froebel's team in to support students in DCS.
- Ms. Heather noted that for her the most effective support for foster students occur on mainly on a school level. Could do more work in getting the district level more involved in supporting foster students.
- Dr. Froemel noted that his hopes are the we all do a better job on educational stability across the state to improve state report card data.
- Dr. Froemel then moved to the topic of preparing for 2021-22 school year and asked input on what PDs the directors would like to receive.

- The question was asked is the 60 minutes on a bus or is it 60 minutes in straight travel. Dr. Froemel noted that it is total time on the bus, including stops. Mr. Jay noted that is the way DCS measured this way as well including the age of the student was another factor in the determination.
- One director noted that they do training with all staff in her district foster training and asked if there was a state training or toolkit that districts could use to make the district level trainings mor uniformed across the state. Dr. Froemel noted that he agreed. Mr. Jay noted that DCS can provide specialists to districts to provide training to school districts.
- Dr. Froemel noted that his team his team in looking to develop more trainings to help support and adding to what Justin used to use to train POCs. Dr. Froemel noted that he is considering collaborating with the state’s homeless coordinator to develop new trainings for districts.
- Dr. Froemel asked if there were any additional topics the group would like to discuss. No additional topics were noted by the group.
- Dr. Froemel adjourned the meeting.

Next Steps

- See minutes.

Upcoming Dates

Date: August, 2021

Location: Virtual

Topic: *To be Announced*

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