

Our Children, Our Families Council

Summary of SF Infant Parent Enrichment Activities Coordination Exploration Work Group

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Goals of the Effort

The goal of the SF Infant Parent Enrichment Activities Coordination Exploration Work Group is to convene and build relationships between infant-parent stakeholders. The group hopes to leverage these stakeholders and coordinate their efforts so that SF families are better supported by effective and coordinated services and policies.

A tentative goal would be to make a map of providers, provide common standards, gather data and push coordination.

Focal Population of the Effort

The focal population of the group is parents and their infant children.

Impact

So far, the group has only met to build vision for how the work group will function. They identified tentative areas of focus, such as healthy infant development, new parents' psychosocial health, and the need for coordinated services.

Challenges

The group's challenge has been coordinating a meeting time that works for the group.

Origins of the Effort

The working group developed from a report that the Department of Public Health commissioned that explored coordination of resources through the lens of parents of very young children. The report found a multitude of things going on in San Francisco and no coordination. A foundation member heard about it and asked if the Family Support Network could take on the challenge of convening the infant parent support efforts. The working group started in July of 2014.

Leading the Effort

Andrew Russo, executive director of the Family Support Network, co-founded the effort. The group is currently funded by a grant from the Bella Vista Foundation.

Members of the Effort

There are nine active members of the collaboration:

- Derik Aoki, Senior Program Officer, First 5 San Francisco
- Curtis Chan, MD, Medical Director, Child & Adolescent Health, San Francisco Department of Public Health
- Rebecca Alcalá-Veraflor, Early Literacy coordinator, San Francisco Public Library
- Maryann Flemming, Executive Director, Family Connections
- Amy Freeman, Senior Program Officer, Bella Vista Foundation
- Alicia Vazquez, Associate Director, Good Samaritan Family Resource Center
- Graham Dobson, Administrative Analyst for Early Care and Education Policy, San Francisco Office of Early Care and Education
- Kathleen White, Chair, child Development & Family Studies Department, City College of San Francisco
- Eric Pawlowsky, Planning & Performance Analyst, San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

Structure of the Effort

The group will meet monthly.

The Role of Data

Data from a DPH report was the impetus for the network.

Related Documents

- Working Group Statement Narrative