

Bristol Early Childhood Alliance

May 3, 2023 (11:00 – 12:00 p.m.) on ZOOM

In attendance: Maegan Adams, Madison Fostervold, Cecilia Garay, Sarah Guerette, Sandra Godin, Michelle Herens, Andrew Howe, Kate Kerchaert, Donna Koser, Donna Osuch, Mary-Alice Petrucelli Timek, Kristen Peck, Kara Singleton, Jennifer St. John, and Rachael Witkewicz

Introduction: Sandra welcomed all in attendance and asked members to introduce themselves. Thank you United Way for providing lunch!

Collaborating Grants:

United Way is still waiting to hear on the ***Strengthening Local Early Childhood Collaboration*** Continuation Grant to fund the BECA Coordinator and stipend for our Parent Ambassador.

United Way should be hearing later this week regarding the CHEFA grant.

MSCF – Grant announcements are expected in June.

Public Works/Library has a “seed library” at the Bristol Public Library.

Special Guest: Mary-Alice presented on the Early Learning – A PET Project. For more information, please visit: <https://www.mainstreetfoundation.org/early-learning-%E2%80%93-pet-project-fund>

This fund supports Bristol non-profit preschools in our community. Members were asked to partner up and brainstorm ways to increase the fund so that the fund can start having an impact.

The following was brainstormed:

- Provide a bucket for donations at Family Fun Day.
- Summer Markets
- Provide lunch in your office/site and ask for donations.
- Can Collection
- Contact Alumni and ask if they can support/donate.
- BOE Dress Down Day
- Raffle
- BECA Events
- City Dress Down Day
- Appeal Letter
- Use a QR Code for donations
- Provide an Elevator Talk – overview of the project.
- Dress Down Days at your site \$5.00
- Park & Rec community day admission goes to Pet Project
- Table at FFD with a 50/50 Raffle
- Facebook – Share Take 10 on Bristol Talks
- Bring forms to Family Fun Day and other activities
- Cover Charge/local business donations
- Pint & Plate Trivia Night
- Hogan’s Bingo
- Jar for donations
- QR Code – directly to foundation
- Golf Tourney

- 5 K
- Raffles – bigger ticket items (trip, etc.)
- Calendar Raffle – smaller prizes
- Annual letter with personal story
- Have families whose children graduated send them appeal letter with great story
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Health – Baby Shower at the Bristol Public Library is scheduled for May 31st and BBHD on August 12th. Please let Valerie know if you would like a table at the May Baby Shower.

Infant & Toddler – Maternal Mental Health Month is in May. An awareness event is scheduled for May 21st.

Transition to Kindergarten – Get people registered for Kindergarten! Next Wednesday, May 10th is K Orientation. Police Chief is pulling this year’s first day ride on a Firetruck raffle.

Health – Next Meeting April 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Infant & Toddler – Next Meeting: April 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. – Note: this time may change.

Transition to K - Next Meeting: April 17, 2023, at 3:45 p.m. –

Outreach – Family Fun Day is June 17th. The committee is meeting weekly. More vendors are needed.



Next meeting: June 7, 2023 – IN PERSON!