Zero to Five Community Partners Upcoming Meeting Dates
First Interstate Bank, 101 E W Front, Lower Level

Thursday, September 5, 9:00 - 11:00
Thursday, November 7, 10:00 - 12:00

Thank you to all who attended the 7/11/19 Community Partners meeting!

We had a packed agenda with lots to share, and excellent questions and dialogue. Workgroup members presented updates and progress.

Please take a minute to peruse the slides from the meeting by clicking the button below, and contact Grace if you would like to talk about the work of Zero to Five in more detail!

CLICK FOR slides and Information from the meeting

CLICK FOR list of meeting attendees and organizations

Zero to Five at Kids Fest

Tuesday, July 23, Zero to Five Missoula County joined over 40 other organizations in Caras Park to provide free, interactive and educational
activities for kids and families of all ages. We talked with dozens of parents and caregivers, enrolled new Imagination Library recipients, and had more than 40 people enter our raffle to win a Missoula Downtown Association gift card. Best of all, throughout the entire event, children of all ages had a great time in the sand tubs we set up, with damp moldable sand and kitchen utensils. Special thanks to Pam Holman, MCCHD Family Engagement Coordinator, who helped gather supplies and set up our booth!

Family Engagement Update

The Engagement Workgroup meets the 4th Thursday of the month, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. These meetings will always be held in family friendly locations and we make sure to have some activities or materials for children, if parents bring them, as well as snacks or a meal available.

Current areas of focus:
Developing definition of "Underrepresented Caregiver" to be shared with all collaborative partners.
Clarifying role of caregivers within RASCals group.
Identifying action steps to move initiative toward robust involvement of parents and caregivers.

The August meeting will take place 8/22/19 at the Missoula Food Bank and Community Center. Thank you to this Zero to Five community partner for the use of the beautiful conference space for our meetings!

Get ready for Data Interviews

In August, the Data and Knowledge workgroup, as part of its Data Across Sectors of Health (DASH) mentorship project, will be contacting Zero to Five partner organizations to conduct brief interviews designed to build cross-sector relationships and begin to scope our landscape of knowledge about young children and families.

Community Partners will have several options as to how to participate:
* Meet with a workgroup member in person or over the phone
* Conduct an "internal interview" with your own organization
* Respond by email

The process is non-evaluative and is meant to be an opportunity to build...

Kindergarten Readiness Pilot

On August 13, 15 kindergarten teachers from a diverse set of classrooms across Missoula County will learn to implement an assessment that will provide new and powerful ways to tell the story of early childhood in our region.

The assessment will provide a snapshot of how children just entering school are doing in critical areas of development that are not assessed systematically at this time. It will also provide information about the services, supports, and experiences children have had prior to school entry.
relationships and learn.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to take time for this!

Click here for more information about the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment tool and process.

Click here and here for examples of the kind of County-wide Comprehensive Report we hope to be able to create for Missoula County.

Participating schools/School districts
Missoula County Public Schools
DeSmet Elementary
Woodman School
Hellgate Elementary
Seeley Lake Elementary
Swan Valley Elementary
Potomac/Sunset Hill School
St. Joseph Elementary

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