

Early Intervention Task Force

Monday, August 28, 2023

12:00–1:00 p.m.

Minutes



1. Welcome and Introductions

Beth Shearing, Sam Kingdom, Kathryn Wize, Kelly Brooks, Phetta Wilkinson

2. Spotlight

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3. Around the Region: Program Updates

- RAAC
 - RAAC Update
- Autism Connections
 - ASGC Event Calendar: <https://www.autismcincy.org/events/>
- Kelli – Warren Co. New development specialist starting in early September
- Kathryn – influx of referrals at school
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4. Policy Updates

- **Update to Appendix K Flexibilities:** Parents as Paid Caregiver to Minor Children
 - Effective November 2023 DODD has proposed to make permanent the eligibility for parents or legally responsible family member to be a paid caregiver for a minor child.
 - Parent must be employed by an agency (no independent providers)
 - Limit to 40 hours per week
 - Individual level of care must meet criteria of the Extraordinary Care Assessment Tool

- **Proposed Increase to Social Security Income Limits Federal Update:** Proposed increase to SSI limits. Current limit for an individual is \$2,000 Proposed increase to \$10,000. Current limit for married couple is \$3,000, Proposed increase to \$20,000. *This bill has been sent to Committee in the US Senate and appears to be gaining Bipartisan support!*

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4102>

<https://www.brown.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/social-security-program-update>

The Regional Autism Advisory Council Early Intervention (RAAC EI) Task Force of Southwest of Ohio is committed to enhancing the resources, advocacy, education, and access to EI services for families with children birth to age three through networking, sharing updates, services, and training opportunities across the region.

5. Training & Events

Electronic copies can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/RAACflyers>

Please note you may need to copy and paste some links into a web browser

- [Children's Theatre 2023-2024 Season](#)
 - The SpongeBob Musical – October 14-23, 2023
 - Narnia the Musical – December 9-18, 2023
 - Cinderella – February 17-26, 2024
 - Finding Nemo Jr. – April 20-29, 2024
- [Cincinnati Art Museum](#)
 - Sensory Saturdays
- [iFly](#)
 - All Abilities Night
- DDBP Outreach Calendar
- Noble Barber and Beauty – hosts monthly “The Gifted Event” haircuts for children ages 2-12 with any developmental, intellectual or physical disability. By appointment only. Book at <https://www.vagaro.com/vjcuts>
2915 Highland Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45219
- Other

6. Issues for Conversation

- Kelli – seeing smaller turnouts for programs;
- Sam – splash pad events been pretty successful; casual, family friendly; during the week not weekend in the morning
 - Library events in the winter not so popular
- Pheeta – playdates at parks
- Library use increases in fall/winter

7. Next Task Force Meeting

- September 25, 2023 @ 12 noon
- Zoom info
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/98146313857?pwd=YVdrVFpqMTFEUGlWlgrdGd2dElzdz09>
 - Meeting ID: 981 4631 3857
 - Passcode: RAACEI