

Parent Education Program Meeting – September 28, 2017

Attendance – See attached sign in sheet

Topic areas discussed

- RFP Review: The language in the new RFP was to encourage the agencies to consider how they are going to serve the whole J.D. district/community. This includes providing Spanish speaking classes and fee waiver clients. Some agencies had difficulties with the physical locations. In the next FRP process in five years this will become a requirement. One new provider was accepted, CCFSA gained new locations and UConn did not get Torrington award. The JD's will be monitored to make sure coverage is available and agencies should coordinate class dates and times to make sure classes are available.
- Brochure: Brochure is done and available online and in courthouses. It is now in pamphlet form. The Spanish version will be available shortly.
- Training: Provider training will be scheduled for November or in early spring. Domestic violence and child abuse topics will be discussed. The providers will also be contacted to ask what topics they would like to be discussed. Dr. Nina Livingston, a child abuse pediatrician will be contacted to facilitate training. Office of Early Childhood and DCF could also provide suggestions for speakers. An understanding of technology as a parent training topic was also suggested.
- Judge Bozzuto send out a memo to the family judges, reminding them that the fee waiver for parent education classes is not funded by the state and the providers themselves have to absorb this cost.
- Interpreter Services: There is a significant drop in interpreter requests in the PEP classes but a steady amount in other CSSD contracts. It is a concern that people are taking the class without fully understanding the context and not requesting interpreter services. How are the providers going to address this in the future is critical.
- CCFSA would like the long term funding for fee waivers to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Next meeting will be scheduled for January/February 2018