

HEALTHY FAMILIES ILLINOIS REGIONAL CLUSTER GROUP MEETING

SUMMARY

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2016 Location: Fayette County Health Department

Sites in Attendance: 18 people in attendance

Clay County Health Department
Lessie Bates
Coordinated Youth
Bond County Health Department
Fayette County Health Department
Macoupin County Health Department
Shawnee Health Center

Guests in Attendance:

Elaine Duensing, PCA Illinois
Carl Rhodes, Northside Christian Church
Dara Williamson, The Ounce of Prevention Fund

Major Issues Discussed:

Dara Williamson from the Ounce reported that FAW training is changing – there is no longer a requirement to submit follow up assessments. The supervisor will provide feedback and it will no longer be the FAW trainer to follow up. New supervisors will work with how the TA providers will support them as they are supporting new assessments by the home visitor. Parent Survey core training in Springfield. If it has been a while since you have been you might consider going. Supervisors should consider as the trainer is directly from HFA America. Also, the supervisor parent survey day is on Friday the 17th of that week. This is now required of supervisors for credentialing.

Program Action Plan

None

Trainings/ Presentations

PTSD presented by Carl Rhodes from Northside Christian Church
Pastor Rhodes : presented on PTSD – retired Paratrooper served in Vietnam in 1969 – at Hamburger Hill. Came back in 1970 – very little about PTSD. 20 suicides per day – veterans administration department of Rural health – vets live in rural areas and will go to their minister – put a rural clergy program in

place to serve veterans – veterans outreach program. Trained to listen to key words to assess for suicidality. They give VA suicide hotline number to every veteran and that hotline works. VFW is also helping with serving PTSD . Alcohol and PTSD do not mix – Barnabus project works with folks coming out of rehab so they have other choices besides going back to the life they have been trying to get out of. This project requires that the person must attend church, cannot have people living with them, must attend AA or NA and give them gas money to get there. The rural county clergy program 618 283 1970 is the number for Mr. Carl Rhodes he can connect people to that training. The training is available on a yearly basis.

Key sign is being withdrawn , stays silent, and no eye contact, lack of sleep, walks around the house – they are checking the perimeter. Alcoholism is a big sign.

The group viewed the documentary *Paper Tigers*. This documentary deals with trauma informed care and has a direct correlate to home visiting. The follow up discussion was extensive and those in attendance appeared to both enjoy the documentary and see value in how it impacts the work that they do.

Issues/Questions/Needs to be brought to state system level

None

Next meeting dates for 2017: February 22, 2017 by phone at 10

May 24, 2017 in person, August 23, by phone, November 15, 2017 in person