

# LICC MEETING MINUTES

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## Combined meeting for the Central Susquehanna Valley (CSV) and Northumberland County Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Jan 3, 2018

Those present at today's meeting: William Brecker, Northumberland Co CASSP; Christina Moser, PreK Counts Coordinator - CSIU; Danielle Zeigler, CSIU; Donna Pauling, Nurse Family Partnership; Diana Verbeck, Danville Child Development Center, Ruth Brewer, CSIU; Judy Reiss, Milton UMCA/GSVY; Monica Whitehead, Geisinger – Bloomsburg Pediatrics; Elizabeth Marcello, Child Care Consultants/MSRK; Bea Prosseda, Child Care Consultants/MSRK; Diane Roman, Northumberland EI; Dr. Nandini Sengupta – The ARC of PA – Include Me; Joan Horton, CSIU; Roma Greenley, PA Keys; Mary Cunningham, Busy Little Beavers; Susan Bolig, Parent to Parent of PA; Tammy Pursel, Special Kids Network; Holly Yoder, Nurse Family Partnership; Laura Adams, CSIU; Susan Zeiders, EITTA; Kristina Brady, Danville Head Start; Pam Ianiero, Danville Head Start Dana DeVito, NE Regional Key; Renea Poust, Danville Child Development Center; and Becky Laubach, CMSU EI

The Watch Project, Two Gen and Yes programs operated by CSIU offered short presentations to the group. Their presentations reviewed each program's mission, focus group and aim in helping individuals within their focus group. Outreach materials were made available to the group. Additional information can be found at [www.csiu.org](http://www.csiu.org).

Sue Zeiders facilitated the meeting. Sue outlined the purpose behind the announcement emphasizing the collaborative nature needed by all parties involved with early childhood education to reduce young children from being suspended or expelled from early learning programs. The announcement encourages programs to look at how they support adults providing care to children. By improving upon the support for adults in early learning programs, kids benefit across the board and the number of children being suspended or expelled decrease. There are no penalties associated with the announcement. Sue, along with Joan Horton, reviewed child behavior and reminded everyone present that as adults, we accidentally create situations that challenge children and that we forget that kids are about kids. They reviewed the basic components of implementing a PBIS program within in a center – commitment is crucial. Sue reviewed throughout the morning different data sets that highlight the impact suspension/expulsion has on children and families. Current processes were discussed and the emphasis made that each early learning program must have a plan in place. Handouts were available to help programs in developing their plan. Sue encouraged participants to think about how we support staff, what changes need to be made in programs to better the support offered to early learning staff and what we can do to prevent issues from arising. It was also mentioned that professional development is shifting to an emphasis on coaching model.

Meeting dates were established for the year: Sept 6, 2017 @ CMSU; Nov 8, 2017 @ CSIU; Jan 3, 2018 @ CSIU; Mar 7, 2018 @ Northumberland County and May 2, 2018 @ CMSU.

Next Meeting: ***March 7, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Northumberland County office.***