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## **BBF Families & Communities Committee**

**Thursday, January 5th @ 10:00-11:30am**

***Families and communities play a leading role in children's well-being***

**Facilitators:** Sarah Morrison

**Note Taker:** Anna Brouillette

**Parents/Caregivers:** Sarah Morrison, Leigh Jaschke, Annmieke Thoolen, Amey Dettmer

**Organization Representatives:** Anna Brouillette, Ali Dieng, Courtney Hillhouse (BBF), Matthew LeFluer (Alburgh Community Center), Kelley Todriff (Head Start), Maria White (CDD/CIS)

(10 participants/4 parents and 4 agencies represented)

### **Agenda:**

**This meeting has been recorded - link can be found in the minutes email**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
10:00-10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Introductions &amp; Welcome question: What is your New Year Resolution or goal(s) for 2023?</li></ul>
10:15-10:25	<b>Start Recording</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Membership Form - review and fill out</li></ul>
10:25-10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Overview of Regional Council Summit held in December 2022</li><li>● Planning approximative number of planning meetings (6) How we divided the work, outreach to speakers, the schedule, logistics support from BBF team and Evaluation (Courtney)</li><li>● Background and regions of our speakers including Keynote speaker (ALI)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Dr. Gillian Boudreau, child psychologist with tangible mental health takeaways, regional mental health providers and other partners sharing about their work and experiences in breakouts, etc.</li></ul></li><li>● Speed Networking process (Courtney)</li><li>● Summary of the evaluation Results (Ali)</li><li>● Open it for questions/ Answers (C &amp; A)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Overall, those that attended from our committee had a really great experience and had good feedback on the Summit</li></ul></li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A recording of the event will be shared with the committee - <a href="https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq_0">https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq_0</a></li> </ul>
10:40-11:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Committee Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retaining current members - what makes showing up to meetings feel worthwhile?</li> <li>○ Recruiting new members: Brainstorm ways to spread the word about our committee and recruit parent ambassadors to join us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Personal outreach - flier, social media info, etc. for school bulletins, or other places</li> <li>■ QR codes for other materials</li> <li>■ How many parents are we looking for? Answer - open to anyone! Not seeking a specific number</li> <li>■ Consider doing some of the same mechanisms that were successful for parent ambassadors for FNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Front Porch Forum</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ New partnership with Family Room - potentially partner with other Parent Child Centers</li> <li>■ Outreach - how are we strategically focusing on underrepresented groups - dads, parents of children under 5, parents of color, etc.</li> <li>■ Use recordings as a tool to recruit parents who may not be able to make meeting time work, etc.</li> <li>■ Potentially add a form for feedback to qualify for payment?</li> <li>■ Kin as caregivers as a targeted outreach</li> <li>■ Town/School/Child Care social media pages/newsletters</li> <li>■ Head Start could add to their process and make families aware of the opportunity to join</li> <li>■ Common Good Vermont - newsletters. Could help spread the word</li> <li>■ CIS - communications to CIS and Home Health Agencies. Can circulate our materials. <a href="mailto:Maria.white@vermont.gov">Maria.white@vermont.gov</a></li> <li>■ Let's Grow Kids as a partner</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11:25-11:30	<p><b>Stop Recording</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New hour submission process - <a href="#">Parent Hour Submission Form</a></li> <li>● Open to the floor for members to share</li> </ul>

**Committee Documents:**

- Finalized Membership form - <https://forms.gle/X2GC2qLTXnbKxqY79>
- New Hour Submission Process starting in January 2023 - <https://forms.gle/hAp7unyA36D4Hu8PA>

### **Meeting Notes & External Links:**

- Recording of the BBF Regional Council Summit: [https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq\\_0](https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq_0)
- Recording of the State of Vermont's Children's Report: 2022 in Review: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vsagm4ZnikE>
  - Link to the Report Document: <https://buildingbrightfutures.org/state-of-vermonts-children/>
- Recording of the BBF Regional Council Meeting from December 2022: [https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq\\_0](https://youtu.be/u8zTCdedq_0)
- BBF Facebook page - follow to keep up to date with upcoming events & shared resources
  - <https://www.facebook.com/BuildingBrightFutures>

### **Community Resources & News:**

- [The Hardwick Area Food Pantry currently has three job opportunities!](#)
- Pritzker Children's Initiative [Supporting Parent Leadership Efforts with Parent Compensation Webinar](#)
- [Register here for "Finding a Summer Camp: There is a camp in New England for every camper!"](#)
- [Take action to reduce hunger and improve health outcomes for WIC families across the country by commenting on USDA's proposed WIC food package rule.](#)

Upcoming Regional Council meetings:

Region	Meeting time/month	Time	Zoom link	Facilitator/ Regional Manager
Addison	2nd Friday	10:30am-12pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Darla Senecal
Bennington	2nd wednesday	11am-12:30pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Darla Senecal
Caledonia & So. Essex	3rd Monday	1-2pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Linda Michniewicz
Central VT / Washington	2nd Friday	9-10am	<a href="#">Link</a>	Ali Dieng
Chittenden	1st Thursday	2-3:30pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Ali Dieng
Franklin Grand Isle	3rd Thursday	1-2:30pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Ali Dieng
Lamoille Valley	2nd Tuesday	4-5pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Linda Michniewicz
No. Windsor & Orange	1st Wednesday	1:30-2:30 pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Courtney Hillhouse
Orleans & No. Essex	1st Monday	1-2pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Linda Michniewicz
Rutland	3rd Thursday	10:30am-12pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Darla Senecal
Southeast VT	2nd Wednesday	4-5pm	<a href="#">Link</a>	Courtney Hillhouse
Springfield Area	1st Wednesday	9-10am	<a href="#">Link</a>	Courtney Hillhouse

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