



Clay County Collaborative
Successful Partnerships building Successful Families
School-Age Disabilities System Work Group
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2020

Carolyn welcomed everyone to the meeting. With the start of the fiscal year, the group discussed the purpose or direction they wanted the group to focus on. With the changes in how schools are operating because of COVID, are there ways that we can provide input and support to schools and parents? What are some of the long-term issues that will result in students missing out of social interaction? Kristen DePree shared some of the comments that she is hearing from parents. They want their child in school full-time so they can receive the level of supports that the child needs. Some schools are using a checklist on needs to determine how much in-person services they will receive. Some are using a contingency plan with the IEP. Members attending today would like to talk with school representatives about the service process during this time of COVID. Carolyn will invite them to the next meeting to be held on November 2nd.

Agency Updates:

Arc: Donna is still offering Games and More online. Attendance is down from the in-person events. A Self-Advocacy meeting will be held tonight. The focus of the discussion will be on voting rights and the importance of voting. Donna will send information on an upcoming conference for parents and professionals. It will be an online event and covers a wide variety of special needs topics. Everyone is missing the dances. The annual Halloween event has been cancelled.

Freedom Resource will be reopening their offices for in-person appointments. It will be by appointment only with all safety guidelines followed. Their annual award ceremony will take place this year virtually. This event recognizes volunteers and community members who have support the agency's work and mission

Clay County Social Services staff are still working off-site. All communication/meetings with families is occurring over the phone or through virtual platforms.

Clay County Collaborative is hosting a regional NAMI training for parents. The topic of the webinar is advocating for your child. The event is free and open to everyone.

Next meeting: November 2, 2020 1:00 pm