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Illinois Professional Development System

Family Specialist Credential Committee Telenet

June 20, 2017

8:30 – 9:30 am

Attendees:

Granada Williams

Jamilah R. Jor'dan*

Tami O'Daniel

Heather Seitz

Stephanie Hellmer

*denotes co-chair

Welcome – *Jamilah R. Jor'dan, co-chair*

April 11, 2017 Minutes

- Jamilah R. Jor'dan, co-chair tabled the approval of the April 11, 2017 FSC Minutes until the next committee meeting.

Gateways Family Specialist Credentials Awarded (Attachment A)

- With the Committee's guidance through course articulations and reviewing hundreds of FSC applicant files, INCCRRA staff was able to begin awarding Family Specialist Credentials internally.
 - Inclusive of pilot applicants, 238 Family Specialist Credential Levels 2-5 have been awarded.
 - In 2017, 63 SAYD Credentials have been awarded. With an aspirational goal of awarding 125 Credentials in 2017, we have met 50.4% of the goal.
 - Since the last FSC Committee meeting on April 11, 2017, 42 Family Specialist Credentials inclusive of all levels have been awarded.
 - FSC Level 2 = 4
 - FSC Level 3 = 9
 - FSC Level 4 = 6
 - FSC Level 5 = 23
 - Approximately 15 FSC Level 5 awarded had a Bachelors or Graduate degree in Social Work from a nationally accredited program.

Family Specialist Marketing and Promotional Strategies

- FSC Postcard was sent to current Registry members who have job history as a Family Worker, Family Advocate, Family Specialist, Social Worker, Parent Educator, etc.
 - Gateways will be sponsoring a Facebook post to advertise the Family Specialist Credential.
 - Head Start Performance Standards have changed effective November 7, 2016.
 - Head Start Performance Standards 1302.91 (e) (7): "A program must ensure staff who work directly with families on the family partnership process hired after November 7, 2016, have within eighteen months of hire, at a minimum, a credential or certification in social work, human services, family services, counseling or a related field."
 - INCCRRA staff presented to Ounce of Prevention funded Head Start Directors and Family Support Specialist Supervisors on April 4, 2017. During this presentation, the Integrated Services Manager for The Ounce of Prevention

Fund shared that the Gateways Family Specialist Credential Level 4 or higher meets the new 1302.91 (e) (7) performance standard. A Level 3 will be accepted until 12-31.2018.

- INCCRRA staff also presented the Family Specialist Credential to the Head Start Directors during their retreat on May 31, 2017.
- INCCRRA staff contacted the Credentialing and Degree Programs for Family and Community Engagement Program Services pfce@ecetta.info to add the Gateways Family Specialist Credential to their database of approved Credentials to meet the new 1302.91 (e) (7) performance standard. More information can be found here: <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/professional-development>.
- The FSC Panel Card includes the information on the postcard but is arranged in a vertical format. It has been distributed to all the Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies in Illinois.
- Entitled Route: Higher Education Institution faculty are being contacted to align programs to the Family Specialist Credential.
 - Please share local colleges or university programs, or faculty contacts in your area that INCCRRA could share information about the Gateways Family Specialist Credential entitled route program.
 - INCCRRA staff will email the committee a list of colleges and universities that have been contacted regarding the entitled route Family Specialist Credential.
 - Committee suggestions include:
 - Olive-Harvey College
 - Harold Washington College
 - National Louis University
 - DePaul University
 - Governor's State University

Announcements

- Gateways Credential fees are \$30 through June 30, 2017. Apply now. There could be an increase in fees but we do not know what it may be.
 - Question: Who determines the Credential fee?
 - INCCRRA staff will find out more information.

FY18 Meeting Dates

- Quarterly telenets for FY18 will be scheduled.
 - Tuesdays at 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM is the proposed telenet time preferably the second or third Tuesday of the month.
- INCCRRA staff will send a Doodle poll to the co-chairs to schedule FY18 meeting dates.

Adjourned at 9:24am.

Attachments available upon request.

