

**Leading Together: A Convening of Family-Led and Family-Supporting Organizations:  
Creating a Shared Vision**

**Evaluation Summary**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>
The meeting objectives were clearly stated	10 (31%)	20 (63%)	1 (3%)	0	1 (3%)
The objectives of the meeting were accomplished	9 (28%)	19 (60%)	4 (12%)	0	0
The meeting facilitation was effective	13 (40%)	19 (60%)	0	0	0
The meeting was well organized	19 (60%)	13 (40%)	0	0	0
I enjoyed this meeting. It stimulated my learning	18 (56%)	13 (40%)	1 (4%)	0	0
I participated in shared decision making at this meeting	11 (34%)	21 (66%)	0	0	0
I am interested in attending future meetings with this group	18 (56%)	14 (44%)	0	0	0
The meeting facility was comfortable	13 (40%)	19 (60%)	0	0	0

**Do you have any suggestions or additional comments about this meeting?**

- Identify common agenda items – yes! Collaborative impact does work!
- The PBS Documentary “The Raising of America” is coming out soon and one of their points is that children who receive good early childhood supports reduce their likelihood for being put into the special education system. How can we capitalize on this documentary for our organizations?
- Just keep the conversation going.
- Snacks.
- Snacks – popcorn and soda
- Some of our affiliate leaders (who are in many cases family members)
- I am curious how the group sees a role for organizations engaging families in the universal approach.
- Very interesting – I was impressed by openness of the planners and participants
- End early (2 or 3:00) to allow drive time
- Love the idea of working X programs
- Great start! Enjoyed meeting new partners.
- This was a great start in collaboration with the right number. We should add more families.
- Survey to ID parent trainings/ leadership opps; use that info to create prompts for next steps in individual leadership develop.
- Can one of the 8 meetings be a gathering or select parent leaders (perhaps they could submit nominations) to be part of constructing the next steps of a family engagement movement?
- Support a train the trainers for serving on decision making teams

- Thought the intro modules /exercises were really good – but getting to some of the meat of the meeting might have come a bit sooner – look forward to this in the follow ups
- Great presentation – I like the presenter’s personal touch and awesome engagement skills and ability to help others engage.

**Are there suggestions or improvements you would recommend for future meetings of this group?**

- I would like to have more knowledge and training on: ACEs/TIC; How professionals can (or cannot legally) influence our local, state or national politicians regarding needs or solutions for families. (Write a letter to the editor, How to do a media interview, etc.); Learning more about how poverty affects us all; how media/screen time is affecting our kids and changing their brains – brain development in children. (Professional training by and for family training)
- Round tables are difficult to view the speaker/PowerPoint
- Very difficult to hear people at the table speak
- More in depth PD about engaging families and building leadership
- Having a variety of family engagement sectors involved to learn from each other, not just disability focused.
- Mix up the group so similar programs are not grouped together
- Shorter time span for sessions.
- I like to face to face meetings
- Speaker suggestions (these 2 speakers come to WI annually) – Kathie Snow could present on natural supports /disability is natural and Cathy Ficker Terrill could discuss family social capital (contact John Shaw at BPDD to connect with these presenters – suggestion given by Lisa Pugh)
- Windows
- I appreciated the fact that it was scheduled proceeding COL – helpful in terms of turnout and use of people’s time.
- Supporting undocumented families, supporting families with a loved one incarcerated; best practice for family engagement

**Are there other organizations or participants that you would like to see included in the future?**

- There are local coalitions working on early childhood issues
- More mental health people and systems
- B-3
- CESAs/Educators
- Law Enforcement (Love this idea! They are doing more training on individuals with mental health issues)
- Mental health providers
- Health care providers
- Local providers – B-3, public health
- State personnel
- Adoption (post) support personnel (3x)

- I can recommend other family engagement stakeholders if interested (from Jill Hoiting , SFTA)
- State Personnel (3x)
- Children’s Trust Fund; Dept. of Children and Families (Family Engagement and Inclusion, Home visiting/family foundations; schools/DPI; CPS/Juvenile Justice systems)
- RTI, DTAH, Title I, early childhood, WDPI, Parents/families, CESAs and school districts (list from Kedibonye Carpenter)
- Perhaps one of the meetings could be a focus group format of families in our partnerships or service area representing each of the leadership progression.
- Milwaukee Public School and City Health Dept
- AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics of WI)
- Folks from my table I heard that justice, health care providers (does not need to be MD but office staff)
- DPI (4x)
- SSA , school districts
- Transition improvement grant – Regional coordinators (2x)
- IHE (3x)
- Parent leaders
- Local chapter of the support group leaders
- County Family Support
- Forum for Youth Investment has low cost or free trainers who facilitate collective impact
- Head Start (Lily Irvin – Vitela)
- Title I family support partnerships (Ruth Anne Landsverk)
- Law enforcement
- Doctors/psych’s
- WECA
- Someone from WECCP group – one of the regional action teams
- Parent co-chair at the COP ASD/DD
- Family engagement pros from other walks of life that may not be connected to CYSHCN
- Health disparities (UWEC Dr Ruth Cronje)

**Are you interested in serving on the planning team for future meetings?**

- Julia Stavran –not sure I have the time but I am interested.
- Amber Arb (maybe)
- Angela Weideman- not in the next 6 months but possibly after that. If something relates to a topic I am knowledgeable about I would be happy to help.

(Evaluations summarized by Lynn Renner, Family Voices of Wisconsin)