

**Pillar Meeting - Families are Strong, Stable and Connected (FSSC)**  
**April 25, 2016 – Pathstone Mental Health**

Attendees: Angela Alderson, Lorrey Arial Bonilla, Tracy Belcastro, Donna Dalgleish, Tammy Dolinski, Darlene Druin, Tiffany Grant, Catherine Hands, Doreen Hill, Katherine Martin, Christina McNicoll, Susan Robbins, Laura Shtern, Nadine Wallace, Karina Armstrong (recorder)

Regrets: Jeff Bilechi, Amy Brunning, Michelle Knapman, Amanda Riley, Amy Romagnoli

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Welcome and Review of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 14, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved without change.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parent Direct Niagara Update and Stats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- D. Drouin shared updates from the Parent Direct Niagara (PDN) website. Many listings were updated, and Contact Niagara was added and referenced where appropriate. She explained that PDN is a directory style website administered by ECCDC for parents and professionals to find children’s programming, care, school, recreation options. Since January, an ad was placed in the Spring Leisure Guide; many parent resources were added; and over 1000 promotional materials were distributed in the community. Our March Break blitz saw 66 new listings and an additional 1000 promotional post cards distributed. Work on a applying for an OTF grant to further promote the site continues. Summer camps and family/children safety listings in progress, please send information. Webstats were distributed for listings of agencies around the table; the site in general saw an average of about 12,000 visits and 55,000 page views per month.</li> <li>- Any questions about listings can be directed to <a href="mailto:ddruin@eccdc.org">ddruin@eccdc.org</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>StoryWalk® Planning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- D. Dalgleish explained the StoryWalk Task Group met a few weeks ago and asked if anyone is interested in joining to please contact K. Armstrong at <a href="mailto:Karina.Armstrong@becniagara.ca">Karina.Armstrong@becniagara.ca</a>. The Pillar then reviewed the work plan and changes made by the StoryWalk Task Group. See Here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i18WsdMHXEXw55T2NsmCzD2puCcckty4POxunY3_-SM/edit#gid=0">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i18WsdMHXEXw55T2NsmCzD2puCcckty4POxunY3_-SM/edit#gid=0</a></li> <li>- After discussing that the main goal for the StoryWalk expansion is for the kits to be used and enjoyed on a wide scale, the Pillar voted not to limit kit borrowing to only organizations, so that individuals may borrow kits as well for private use. The table also voted not to limit borrowing only for free events, so that StoryWalks will be permitted at fundraisers and events charging fees.</li> <li>- For circulation of the kits, it was proposed that Niagara Falls Public Library be the main lender and will coordinate with other libraries across Niagara. The pillar members agreed to this proposal.</li> <li>- A handbook for borrowers is being created to outline the elements of a StoryWalk. The handbook will include templates for flyers/posters to ensure a consistent branding for Niagara StoryWalks.</li> <li>- A borrower survey was designed to collect data for each StoryWalk event. <a href="#">See here.</a></li> <li>- The Task Group will meet again in May to select the books to include in the StoryWalk kits, date to be determined.</li> </ul>	<p>L. Shtern will follow-up with the Niagara Falls Public Library regarding circulation process of the kits.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- L. Stern brought another prototype of signage. Feedback was very positive. Costing per kit would be ~ \$350 using this prototype.</li> </ul>	
<b>Exercise for Prioritizing Activities for 2016 and 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was proposed that a calendar be created, highlighting the focus of each month's meeting. The table will reconsider priority items as listed in the parking lot at the next meeting in order to establish the calendar's timeline. The table discussed that several parking lot items are related in terms of Pillar goals, and that grouping matching items together could organize the timeline more effectively. For instance, the Niagara Parenting Strategy could encompass infant mental health, Triple P, and Children See, Children Learn.</li> <li>- N. Wallace offered to speak at the next meeting on mental health from her work with Contact Niagara. She explained that Contact Niagara is a central access for child developmental health. All services and programs are directed from Contact Niagara, as they work closely with core mental health providers, special needs providers, like a Niagara information service for parents of children with developmental needs.</li> <li>- The Niagara Fathering Network will be removed from the parking lot as a work plan piece, but shall remain an agenda item.</li> <li>- The table discussed the focus of the Pillar's projects should be collecting all information available and finding the best way of sharing these messages with families in Niagara. The impact goal would be to have Niagara families getting the best information available to care for their families. The Pillar stands as the body that translates the information for families. Since there are a lot of online services for parents, the table considered offering some type of forum as an alternative approach. The idea of a forum or expo will be added to the parking lot for future discussion of accessibility and who attends, where, etc.</li> <li>- It was suggested that 2 lists and set of goals be made: a) knowledge mobilization of already established programs and services, and b) an expo/forum for parents. The table discussed exploring and analyzing the Parent Knowledge Survey key messages to align them with the Pillar vision. From here, the Pillar can plan for a parent expo/forum.</li> <li>- The Parent Knowledge Survey (PKS) will be the next item of focus, finding the points of importance and how they sync with parking lot topics. K. Armstrong will send the PKS to FSSC members, as well as the Niagara Children's Charter for the Family Charter creation. The Research Group has examples of family charters from other areas which may be helpful guides.</li> <li>- Next steps for prioritizing will move to the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, after Jeff Biletski's Triple P update.</li> </ul> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent knowledge key message overview, and plan to leverage the messages</li> <li>- Family Charter Next Steps</li> <li>- Niagara Parenting Strategy</li> <li>- Parenting expo/forum after the key message analysis</li> </ul>	<p>N. Wallace will speak at the May meeting on the mental health piece.</p> <p>K. Armstrong will send the PKS and Niagara Children's Charter to FSSC members.</p>

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<b>Round Table Sharing of Upcoming Events for Parents, Service Providers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A. Alderson stated that the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre is developing a website, PECAN: Partners Ending Child Abuse in Niagara, which collects information for people who work with children and organizes these resources for them online. She offered to give more info on the PECAN website and add partner organizations on the site if interested. She can be contacted at <a href="mailto:aalderson@kristenfrenchcacn.org">aalderson@kristenfrenchcacn.org</a>. They also have a program for 15-17 year olds to de-stress and cope with childhood abuse with guest speakers coming. This program will be advertised soon.</li> <li>- L. Shtern announced that summer reading programs at the public libraries are starting soon.</li> <li>- C. McNicoll stated that a Balls Falls contact for programming may come to future meeting and may be a StoryWalk opportunity. Additionally, Susan from Fort Erie Port Cares is retiring, will have an open house congratulations party the afternoon of June 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>- T. Grant announced that on June 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a Bethlehem Housing picnic at Heartland Forest and they would like to include a StoryWalk. They are also looking into building small outdoor libraries at their schools with donated books, once costs are determined. She will let the table know if the shop classes would be willing to build the little libraries for other organizations who are interested.</li> <li>- D. Hill announced that strategic planning is in the works for the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre. Aboriginal Day celebrations and summer programming are coming up.</li> <li>- D. Dagleish shared that the Mom2Mom sale at Heartland Forest coming up on April 30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Parking Lot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children See, Children Learn</li> <li>- Family Charter Next Steps</li> <li>- Parent Knowledge Surveys Key Messages</li> <li>- Infant Mental Health</li> <li>- Triple P Promotion</li> <li>- Niagara Parenting Strategy</li> <li>- Parent Expo/Forum</li> </ul>	
<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	<b>All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in Pathstone Mental Health's Community Room</b> Monday May 30, 2016 Monday June 27, 2016	

## StoryWalk® Survey for borrowing Agencies / Groups

Thank you for participating in the promotion of literacy for young children by borrowing a StoryWalk® kit. The kits were funded by community grants and generous donors. In order to help improve future grant applications and to show funders how StoryWalk® is being used in the community, we ask that you please complete this short survey and return it with your StoryWalk® kit. Thank you!

1. a) How many people attended your StoryWalk® event?  
(if the StoryWalk® was set up over a period of time--two weeks for example--please give the total of attendees over that two week period of time)

b) Please provide the breakdown of attendees, if this information is known. Skip this question if unknown.

# of Children

# of Adults

2. On what date(s) was your StoryWalk® event held?

3. What municipality did you hold this StoryWalk® event in?

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| <input type="radio"/> Port Colborne  | <input type="radio"/> Fort Erie           | <input type="radio"/> Thorold   |
| <input type="radio"/> St. Catharines | <input type="radio"/> Grimsby             | <input type="radio"/> Wainfleet |
| <input type="radio"/> Welland        | <input type="radio"/> Niagara-on-the-Lake | <input type="radio"/> Lincoln   |
| <input type="radio"/> Niagara Falls  | <input type="radio"/> West Lincoln        | <input type="radio"/> Pelham    |



1. Where was this StoryWalk® event held? (name and address of location)

2. Which book was used for your StoryWalk® event?

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| <input type="radio"/> Insert Book 1 title  | <input type="radio"/> Insert Book 5 title  | <input type="radio"/> Insert Book 9 title  |
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