



Columbia County Kindergarten Transition Summit Tuesday June 4, 2019 Agenda

8:30-9:00 Arrival/Registration

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Introduction of presenters/ELLN

- History of ELLN-handout in packet
- Background of NYSB5 Grant- handout in packet

9:15-9:35 Table Introductions/Icebreaker- What is a

- What are transitions and how are they made easier?
- Goals of the Summit

9:35-9:45 Key Note Speaker- Didi Barrett- NYS Assembly Member

9:45-10:00 Who is in the room today and why do we all have a part to play in the transition to Kindergarten

- Results of the Pre-Summit questionnaire
- How many children are in a formal preschool/daycare program in CC?
 - Why everyone needs to take a part and why/how it benefits everyone (schools, organizations, businesses, etc.)
 - Who else needs to be in the room- handout in packet/quick table brainstorm

10:00-10:30 Why is the Transition to Kindergarten important?

- Data from NYS Summit including slides from NCQTL
- Impacts of transition on children, society, economy
- Transition and later achievement- relay race analogy- more than just one day
- What I would want for children worksheet- as a prep for next segment



10:30-10:40 Break

10:40-11:25 The nature of the kindergarten transition Pre-school/Kindergarten differences

- Exercise on perspective- share some thoughts from What I would want for children handout
- Differences in Pre-K and K, NYS Pre-K and K Literacy Standards
- Achievement gap
- NYS Pyramid Model
- Expulsion rate of Pre-K and Kindergarteners
- Kindergarten readiness vs being ready for Kindergartners
- How we can work together to find some commonalities and create effective transition practices

11:25-12:00 Creating continuity in Columbia County in regards to Kindergarten Transition Practices

- Why should we care what _____ is doing? Columbia County school statistics- including rate of students transferring from district to district- Why should we care what _____ is doing?
- Why is continuity important- Early Learning/Daycare/Head Start Poll of different districts that their children transition to
- ELLN Activity guides
- Gear Up for Kindergarten Handout
- Common Book in packet- still deciding title
- Preview of afternoon

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:15 Recap of morning- 3 C's- communication, collaboration and continuity

- Hours in school vs home
- Parent survey responses
- CC Kindergarten interview video

1:15-2:55 Panel discussion

- Patty Persell- NYC Council of Children and Families,
- Maria Suttmeier- Superintendent Hudson CSD,
- Terry Ohl- Kindergarten Teacher Hudson CSD,
- Chrystal Perry- Teacher Valatie Head Start (Ichabod Crane CSD),
- Kristin Scafe- Child Care Connections (CCRR),
- Joanne Allie- Bluehawk Nation After-school program,
- Savoia Jones- Parent



- - we are currently trying to have an elementary principal participate on the panel but has not been confirmed

2:55-3:15 New and innovative idea- Why didn't I think of that???

- Virtual tours of school
- This is my school book....
- Flyers at local pizza, Chinese, take-out/fast food places

3:15-3:30 Introduction of CC Kindergarten Transition coalition and Mini-grants

- Continue discussion and communication
- 4 mini grants- \$850 each for innovative KT ideas- we will be holding a mini-summit in July during the evening for those providers who were not able to attend today
- Mini-Grants RFP will be released late September/early October, due at the end of October and awarded in the beginning of November

