

Prospective/Current Child Care Provider Meeting Notes – Hays 4/4/2022

Attendees included:

Melissa Schoenberger, Amy Staab, Jennifer Burgardt, Rebekah Meyer, Alexis Wiesner, Amanda Rohleder, Jean Basgall, Lucy Boucher, Erin Gibson, Trica Dreher, Brett Schmidt, Mindy Kuhn, Tori Ruder, Michelle Dannels, Becky Rogowski, Sarah Wasinger

Regulation questions:

- When the regulation changes, four infants could be passed
- Discussion about best practices for how many children can be in a provider's facility at each age
- Preschools getting out at 10:30 creates a scheduling issue. (USD 489 preschool)
- Regulations for provider's children in headcount and inability to access other areas of their home
- If own child is preschool aged but is sick, does that spot have to be counted in total children in care
- Rescue cribs to be used to save children and completing safety drills regularly

How do we create sustainability? What keeps you in this job?

- Love of kids
- Have had really good families
- Like to be home with my own kids

Current challenges:

- Breakdown of the family unit
- Too much screen time
- It is different raising children now than it was ten years ago
- Demystify the survey process – you see it, you cite it
- Frustrated with article that talked about Ellis County residents paying a higher percentage of their income than peer counties

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- Offer start up support
- Coach through barriers to providing care
- Help with checklists
- Help with organizing activities for children in care
- Have nurses and an emergency services specialist to help write policies