

Partnerships/Collaboration Roundtable Notes

Group 1

Belle Center

– OT and inclusion to school age children; 75% of services delivered in natural environment.
Inclusion is the mission!

Partnership with Children's Museum

Created a sensory guide for children with disabilities to include participation of kids at museum.

70% of kids have scholarships

North side of Chicago

Partnerships – within Catholic schools – Archdiocese and CPS

Charge \$70/hour for services with schools (subsidized) ½ cost then out of pocket

Children's Museum

Have support materials from Belle Center

Play for All initiative – inclusion for kids with disabilities

Have 1st hour 9-10 am admission is free

Subsidized bussing system – bus comes to a central location

Targeted specific agencies – Easter Seals, Children's Home & Aid Society, Lighthouse for the Blind

Funding for expenses! – looking to expand

Not enough people taking advantage of it – underutilized! – need more marketing of program

Can register up to 6 individuals per group

Only in 2nd year of program

Bring siblings

Although Navy Pier location it's not that overwhelming; have quiet room

Autism program – storybook guide – visual graphics

Play therapy guide – collaborative

Provide opportunities to experience museum and help them learn

Belle Center helped them understand population

Our Place of New Trier Township

New program

Young adults/teens – social integration

After school programs

Private pay and grants

Limited geographical area – Evanston, Skokie, Glencoe, Wilmette

Partnering with nursing homes, volunteer center

Moderate – high functioning level

Suggestion for group – offer support PACES – social skills relationships

Linda Sandman – UIC

Can provide training on sexuality education and health for individuals with disabilities
Self-advocacy group – accessible language model – staff paired with person with disability to train on how to teach this model

Need is tremendous

Groups here or go out in community

Misericordia – interesting program – CILA’s with community integration
Self-contained vs. inclusion

Center for Enriched Living (Deerfield/Northbrook) – book club partnership – kids pick out a book and share ideas – private paid

Collaborations take time!

They are on-going – is it going to work?

Different initiatives

Accessible to where you are located

Untapped resources – how you get yourself known

Envision

Relationships with universities – maximize capacity to serve population

CARES – create programming

Increased donors past and present

Mentoring programs

Clearbrook

Collaborate with families – formalized partnerships

Parents’ advisory board and who they know

Advisory boards have sense of ownership

Contacts families at beginning

GRACE program

Group 2

Our Place of New Trier Township

Teens and young adults with disabilities

Vocational, community, life-long activities, bowling, full participation

Senior center model

Envision

1500 infants, children, adults, seniors
41 program sites

Anixter Center

A school on northside primary autism
Sensory approach, floor time activities
Adult transition program – young adults out of school out in the community

Community Support Services

Respite, CILA, customized
Community based

Music Institute of Chicago (ITA – Institute Therapy Arts)

Art, music, play therapy
Work with drama group, schools
Creative art therapy
Private pay, grants

Shore Community Services

Infants to seniors
Adult day, EI, respite – comprehensive services

PACCT Learning Center

Smaller, newer, Rogers Park
Therapeutic day school, residential homes, opened first adult CILA
Vocational services – SEP model with job coaches

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind

Serves all counties
Center based and home based
Developmental therapist with vision specialist
Funding issues – PT/OT/Speech – huge issue – out looking for donors
Support group for families and parents
Fun family outings
Families get to meet other families
Senior program – collaboration between those programs
Keep connected to professional organizations!
Test that kids can take in Braille/large print
Grant from State Board of Education
Adaptive technology

Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

Created a production – art and drama alternative
16 week program – speech rehab
Data collection before and after

NIH

Seed money from township – spec ed program – space in Northshore Day School

Challenges with collaboration -----

Anixter Center – student population – tap into college kids

Volunteer coordinator – to get unpaid interns to run the programs

Clinical expertise

Companies like to give back so tap into that

Volunteers!!!!

Companies support improvement projects for nonprofits

Where do you post for staff?

Donors Forum

NPO.net

Collaboration idea – autism – low functioning levels – find commonalities between agencies

Thrift shop in community –

Manager

Describe model and provide supports

Could not staff enough time

Provide partnership with high school districts

3 shifts a day