

La Crosse Area Family Policy Board

“Systems and providers aligned for better outcomes”



Monthly Meeting

May 2nd, 2022



Discussion Topics

1. Client needs agencies are seeing - **March**
2. Burden of regulation / licensing requirements - **April**
3. Labor shortage impact on services - **May**



Recap (April)

1. What Federal or State-level **regulations** are making it difficult to meet our local human services needs

- Identify the regulation
- Describe how is it negatively impacting your work
- Suggest solutions
i.e., eliminate or change the regulation; collaborate to meet the regulation, etc.

Issues

Licenses for Clinical Therapists

- Many agencies experiencing issue in how long it is taking the state to process licensing applications for Clinical Therapists (backlog)
- Also, difficult to identify qualified resources locally to provide the necessary supervisor of clinical hours required to become licensed

Child Care

- Regulations are having an issue on child care capacity

Potential Solutions

Licenses for Clinical Therapists

- Advocacy at State level for more funding for more staff necessary to address backlog
- Local agencies ban together to explore:
 - Share resources to oversee clinical hours
 - Recruit retired therapists for this purpose
 - Brainstorming of other solutions

Child Care

- There are currently different groups and efforts concentrated on this issue



Roundtable Discussion

**DISCUSSION
QUESTION**

1. How is the labor shortage impacting your ability to deliver services?

Thank you!

