

Meeting Minutes  
Gloucester County Children's  
Inter-Agency Coordinating Council (CIACC)  
August 9, 2023, 10AM to Noon  
In-Person, County Offices at Budd Blvd, West Deptford

**PRESENT**

Resource Tables

Beverly Lynch, Inspira Child Adolescent PHP  
Katie Mannino, SNJ Peri Natal Cooperative  
Brandis Childs, Maryville  
Andrea Garcia,  
Christina Teel, SJ Gas  
Jessica Jenkins, Family Support Organization  
James Samson, Care Management Organization  
Jennifer Rodriguez, Family Support Organization  
Dalaine Wilson, McKinney-Vento  
Joe Howarth, Gloucester County Special Services School District  
Tracy Mauriello, Gloucester County Special Child Health

Family Guests

Rose, Busby, Pine, Williams, Strubinger, Cortes, Walker, Park, Coston, Lewis, Rodriguez,  
Diedrichson, Teel, Moody, Pena, Pippet, and Childs

Other CIACC Members and Guests

Bethany D'Amelio, Children's System of Care  
Ashley Lasoski, Acenda, Mobile Response and Stabilization Services  
Darren Blough, Bancroft  
Susana Dias, DCP&P  
Danielle Alia, DCP&P

County Personnel

Amy Swanson  
Rudolph Aikens  
Robert Bamford  
Michelle Pandolfo

Meeting was called to order and the Back-to-School resource event was held. All families upon entering the meeting were provided with an overview of the CIACC and invitation to attend upcoming local meetings and information on the upcoming NJ Sales Tax Holiday. Participants with children going to school in the fall received a backpack with select school supplies and learned about many community supports available to families here in the County. Light refreshments were served. In all, 14 community providers were on hand to provide resource information to the 17 families who attended and 49 school aged children were provided with a backpack and some school supplies.

May 10, 2023 meeting minutes will be voted on at the October 11, 2023 meeting.

Convener/Coordinator's Report – none

Children's System of Care / State Representatives

- CMO – James Sampson – written report submitted

CGS Stats for the month of July 2023:

Total Census 993

Total youth from Gloucester: 555 / 55.89%

Open with DCP: 43/ 7.75 %

Total admissions for July: 53/50.96%

Total discharge for July: 72/50.70%

Average LOS: 9.92 mos.

Average LOS Home: 6.76 mos.

Average LOS OOH: 42.25 mos.

Highlights: Six new care manager started on 6/26/23.

Signed MOU with clinical services provider Dr. Tishanna Majette for Psychological/forensic evaluations Risk assessments: (violence, sexual, or suicide),

Needs assessment, Substance abuse, Parental capacity, IPV: (Intimate partner violence),

Psychosexual, Fire-setting Evaluation

Notable trends: N/A

Notable gaps in service: Shortage of IIC clinician doing in home, face to face treatment remains.

Announcement: N/A

- FSO – Jennifer Rodriguez – written report submitted

Current Level of Service: 204 families- 112 Gloucester Families

Notable Highlights/Successes:

- We had our workshop on Guardianship that went well in July. We have our workshop on Post Secondary Education on August 24, 2023.
- We had our Family Fun Day on 8/5/2023 and had approximately 280 individuals attend including staff and vendors.
- We had a successful FSO Day at Morey's Pier in Wildwood in July with 150 individuals attend.
- We have upcoming an FSO Day at the Phillies Game at the end of August with 150 individuals scheduled to attend.
- We have our Back in Style School event on August 31 2023 at our offices with school giveaways and haircuts for boys and hair braiding for girls.
- Our new Family Support Partner has finished her certifications and is now taking on a caseload which is helping reduce our wait list. Right now our waitlist is at 22 individuals which is a decrease from our high of about 50 individuals.

Notable Challenges:

- Staff are still finding challenges with finding housing for families even going through county resources that the family can afford.
- We are finding it difficult to navigate resources that can assist the undocumented with needs.
- Staff are seeing challenges around not having enough respite services for high need families. They are seeing that the 5 hours a family may get is not enough to help support the high need families.

Notable Trend:

- We are seeing more and more parents request support from our pantry for household needs such as hygiene products, cleaning products and paper products.

Noticeable gaps in service pertaining to the Service you provide:

- Nothing to report at this time.

- Mobile Response – no report submitted
- Other state representatives – written report submitted

Danielle Alia, Gloucester County East DCP&P:

422 Children under our supervision  
255 Active Investigations  
83 Children in Placement

Susana Dias, Gloucester County West DCP&P

756 Children we are open with  
136 Investigations for the month of July  
92 Children in Placement  
96 families that we are open with- 62 of these are Out of Home Placement cases.

Bethany D'Amelia, NJ DCF Children's System of Care

The district/school selection process for DREAMS 2023-2024 school year has been finalized. See below for school districts/schools that will be participating in the DREAMS initiative in your county this upcoming school year. Attached is a description of services to be provided to the districts for your information.

Gloucester	Pitman Public Schools	Memorial Elementary School
Gloucester	Washington Township Public Schools	-Birches -Bells -Hurffville -Thomas Jefferson -Wedgwood -Whitmas

Standing Agenda Items – no reports this meeting

- Partnership for Success
- Educational Partnership
- Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities
- Missing & Abused Children
- Partial Care
- Recruiting youth and family participation / Promising Path to Success
- Trends or needs regarding access to services or gaps in services for discussion

Old Business – not discussed this meeting

New Business / Announcements – not discussed this meeting

Adjourned

Reminders – next meeting is a Tri-County CIACC hosted by Salem County on September 13 at 10AM, format and/or location to be announced