



Children's Working Group Give Every Child a Chance to Succeed

**Co-Chairs: Jacqueline Hall, ECDSS
Aimee Neri, NYS Family Court Improvement Project
June 19, 2020
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

Attendees: Cyndi Clark, Lynn Pullano, Jacqueline Hall, Sarah Utkin, Kaley Donaldson, Johanna Caplan, Libby Willkomm, Tieza Jonas, Lea Passage, LuAnne Brown, Broderick Cason, Hsa Wah, Catie Gavin, Lisa Neff, Jennifer Levesque, Kelly Dodd, Mary Comtois, Heidi Milch, Tierney Smith

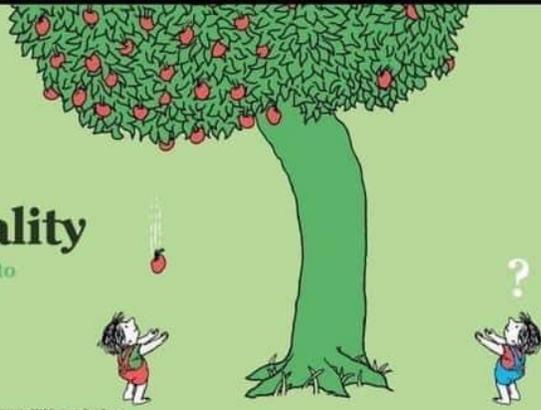
Jaqueline Hall opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. She summarized the work done in the May meeting and the subgroup meetings. She reminded participants that the subgroup work with Dr. Kuo's COIIN initiative and Rev. Pointer's African American Health Disparities Task Force were the immediate focus of the committee due to the COVID-19 health crisis and the health disparities it illuminated.

Ms. Hall referenced the article shared by Dr. Kuo "The Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health" which was sent to the Working Group previously and which is also included with these minutes. The article does an excellent job of summarizing the impact of racism (manifested implicitly, explicitly and systemically) on child and adolescent health.

Finally, Ms. Hall informed the attendees that the Working Group will return to our asset mapping work and the racial equity tool training during the July meeting. Ms. Hall shared the following image with the group to represent the goal towards which the Children's Working Group is moving – justice.

Inequality

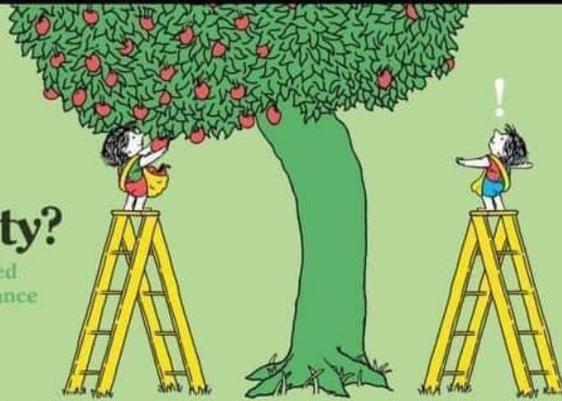
Unequal access to opportunities



Source: @hunchbreath in the 2019 Design in Tech Report

Equality?

Evenly distributed tools and assistance



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Equity

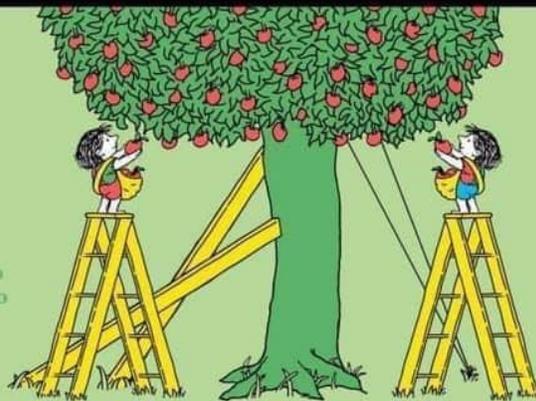
Custom tools that identify and address inequality



Source: @hunchbreath in the 2019 Design in Tech Report

Justice

Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



Source: @hunchbreath in the 2019 Design in Tech Report

Lynn Pullano gave a presentation on how the Children’s Working Group can best support the efforts of the COIIN initiative, and also how the efforts with COIIN can align with the stated goals and initiatives of the Working Group.

The group then shared in round robin fashion the ways in which they or their organization can support the work of the two initiatives - Dr. Kuo’s and Rev. Pointers.

Name	Role	What You Plan to Do	By When?
Catie Gavin	ECDSS	Ongoing Monitoring & early intervention	Ongoing
Hsa Wah	Karen Society of Buffalo	Attending COIIN meetings, open to more	Ongoing
Jennifer Levesque	Jewish Family Services	Partnering to make sure MH services are available to kids 5+	Ongoing
Johanna Caplan	Say Yes Buffalo	Early Childhood Initiative, Implement ASQ in BPS, Homegrown page	Ongoing
Kaley Donaldson	CCRN	Early Childhood Help Line, assessing challenging behaviors,	Ongoing
Kelly Dodd	211 WNY	Bridge/Address SDOH needs, creating awareness for pediatric offices and child care providers	Ongoing
Broderick Cason	Univera	reimbursement/payment for services; work with FQHCs & Brett Lawton ED of SNAPCAP; guidance on working with health insurance providers	Ongoing
Lisa Neff	American Heart Association	Resource Library on healthy eating, physical activity, policy advocacy	Ongoing
Mary Ieraci	WNY Women's Foundation	will speak with ED about what their role would be	Ongoing
Mary Comtois	United Way	partnering with MOD on screening program, strengthen bond in mother baby dyad, bring more programming into our community, GoBuffalo & trip chains; transportation is big issue, housing too - financial coaching program with Belmont	Ongoing
Sarah Utkin	Jewish Family Services	Health Homes early intervention, refugees and mental health clinic	Ongoing
Tierney Smith	Boys & Girls Club of the North	work with 100s of families to improve parent literacy and link to resources, clubhouse available to other providers	Ongoing
Tieza Jonas	Peace of the City	POTC serves kids 4+, 4 pillars:trauma informed care, restorative justice, transformation, and education; long-term relationships are key to achieving goals	Ongoing

Ms. Hall closed the meeting by sharing that the next Children’s Working Group meeting will revisit our previous asset inventory work and will include a brief introduction to the racial equity tool.