Parent Institute of Engagement Report

Date: 2/6/2025 DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Vanessa Allen # of Members: 12 Recruiting: ⊠ No □ Yes If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting: N/A

of Meetings Since Last SICC held on INSERT Date 2

Topics Covered: Topics Covered: PIE had 2 trainings that consisted of:

Racial Equity | Heather Kawamoto and Michelle Morse. Topic: Historical Construction of Race and Whiteness and Its Impact on Present Day:

Participants engaged in discussions about the historical construction of race and the evolution of whiteness. The session aimed to deepen understanding of different types of racism and their continued influence on contemporary society. Participants explored concrete strategies to foster racial equity in their personal and professional lives. One key takeaway was the importance of adopting a PIE (Practices, Institutions, and Environment) framework to advance racial equity.

Advocacy Training with Jeremy Kriedlo. Topic: Refining Your Story for Effective Advocacy

Jeremy Kriedlo led an advocacy training session focused on refining personal narratives for impactful storytelling. Participants learned essential editing techniques to enhance their stories and make them more compelling for their audience. The key editing strategies included:

Adjusting Detail Levels – Ensuring the right balance of detail to maintain engagement while delivering a clear message. Raising the Stakes – Identifying critical moments and emphasizing them to increase emotional impact. Word Choice and Tone – Ensuring consistency in language to align with the intended message. Managing Time Warps – Checking sequencing for clarity and removing unnecessary time shifts. Emotional Resonance – Identifying desired emotional responses from the audience and editing accordingly. Eliminating Redundancy – Removing parts that do not serve the story's core purpose. Surprising the Audience – Introducing unexpected elements to maintain engagement. Character Development – Enhancing the depth of characters to make the narrative more relatable. Seeking Feedback – Gathering insights from trusted sources to refine the final version.

Participants left with actionable techniques to craft compelling advocacy stories that can drive change effectively.

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Finalized Date: ESIT State Interagency Coordinating Council Approved for submission by:

Committee Progress to Date: N/A

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: As in past cohorts, a significant challenge remains the issue of reimbursements for lived experience. Due to conflicts related to work, family, and the inability to attend meetings because of income loss, we have lost five members. Addressing this issue is crucial to ensuring continued engagement and participation.

Motion(s):