

Local Governance Partner
KITE Community Table Meeting
 Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 5:30 P.M.

The mission of KITE is to ensure that Enfield's children are healthy, safe, and happy; live in thriving families; and are ready to learn the skills they need to succeed in school and flourish in the 21st century.



There were 15 members present		
Carol LaLiberte- CT State Community College Asnuntuck	Hannah Song- KITE	Amy Morales- Social Services
Katelyn Ferrando- KITE	Penny D'Aleo-Kiwanis	Fiorella Coisffman- PLA Alumni
Lanie Lebrun-Enfield Food Shelf	Adrienne Snow-Enfield Street School	Karen Campbell- NCCCC
Samantha Loveday- KITE	Olivia Lasneski – ECE Asnuntuck	Michala Schupp- KITE
Addison Wheeler- EHS	Kristin Boivin- ECE Asnuntuck	Kiley James- EHS

Welcome and Introductions-Carol LaLiberte, KITE Chairperson

Acceptance of KITE Meeting Minutes- meeting minutes accepted

Early Start Updates-Hannah, Amy, Jaclyn, Eileen

- Local Needs Assessment: We are combining all our data from the Office of Early Childhood and Head Start. We will possibly be sending out surveys and running focus groups to fill in the gaps. After analyzing the data, we will then need to create a community action plan that we will need to work on in the summer and through the fall. These are the topics that it will cover:
 - o Quality of Early Care and Education
 - o Additional Supports for Children and Families
 - o Availability and Affordability of Early Care and Education
 - o Child and Family Basic Needs, Health, and Well-Being
 - o Children and Family Characteristics
 - o LGP Structure – Since this is included in the Local Needs Assessment, we will not have a separate Collaborative Assessment done in May.
- ECDC
 - o All spots are full. The children in all rooms are practicing for the Annual Talent Show taking place on May 15th at Enfield High School. Hours are 6:00-7:00.
 - o We are in the process of hiring seasonal aides. April is Autism Awareness Month so we will all be wearing blue on April 2nd to raise awareness and acceptance. The school age children will be here all day during the week of Spring break, April 13th-17th. The staff have planned some exciting events and hopefully we will spend a lot of time outside.
- Stowe
 - o We are planning for our 1 Early Start summer classroom. It will run July 1- July 31 from 8:15-2:45, Monday through Friday. The program will be offered to rising kindergarten students. Attendance is prioritized, and enrollment is lottery based in line with our grantee agency in Manchester.

- McKinney Vinto update:
 - o Prek- 3
 - o K to 2- 10
 - o 3 to 5- 14
 - o JFK- 5
 - o EHS- 8

Equity- Carol - And How are the Children? read aloud

KITE Updates- Hannah

- **Leadership Workgroup Updates**
 - o Enfield Unplugged and Teacher Appreciation Week are May 4-8.
 - o Transition to Kindergarten Night is April 7 from 6-7 at JFK.
 - o Kindergarten Camp is offered in August this year. This program is for children who have not had any pre-k experience. Please reach out to Hannah Song if you know anyone who is interested.
- **Budget**
 - o KITE expenditures for FY2026 – February: \$15,267.96
 - o Salaries: \$9,670.50 KITE staff
 - o Consultants: \$3,114.75. Parent Ambassadors, PLA Coordinator
 - o Family Engagement: \$2,182.96 Programming Supplies, PLA Food/Supplies, PLA Facilitators, PLA Childcare, PLA Retreat
 - o Early Care & Education: \$0
 - o Admin Expenses: \$299.75 Collaborative Expense, Staff Wellness
- **Communications(tabled)**

Area Focus Teams:

- **Result #1:** Enfield's Children are Safe, Happy, and Healthy
 - o **Infant/Child Mental Health-** Chris
 - The KITE MH Subcommittee is holding an event during the Enfield Unplugged week in May to support young children's mental health. The Gizmo Read Aloud will be held on Wednesday, May 6th. More information to follow. The next meeting of the KITE MH Subcommittee will be held on Monday, April 20th from 4-5 on Zoom.
 - o **Sparkler-**Hannah
 - 22 new kids registered and 1 play logged
 - 57% on track on all categories
 - 79% Social Emotional on track
 - 10 highest area of need- communication
- **Result #2:** Enfield's children live in thriving families with strong ties to neighbors and the community.
 - o **KITE/EPS Partnership-**Adrienne
 - Clay Camp is offered for any children grade 1 and up. Please see the attached flyer.
 - o **Parent Leadership Academy-**Karen
 - Next class will have a focus on Social Media Marketing skills. The following classes will be focused on the PLA class project.
 - o **Parent Ambassadors- Samantha/Kaytlyn**
 - They will be attending Hazardville Memorial's PTO meeting next week. They are looking to assist with Teacher Appreciation at Stowe. They attended Story Time, a playgroup field trip, and a park meetup to talk to parents about community and parent involvement in schools and how KITE can support community connection. They are working on planning upcoming events during Enfield Unplugged Week.

- **Result #3:** Enfield's children are ready to learn the skills they need to succeed and flourish in the 21st century.
 - **Book Buddies**-Don (tabled)
 - **3 to 3**- Adrienne
 - May 8 is Child Care Provider Appreciation Day. People at the KITE meeting filled out cards to mail to centers and home day care providers.
 - An Early Spring Refresh Session was held at Renee Coro's Somers location where six providers attended and learned self-care and mental wellness strategies to bring back to their centers.
 - We had 52 families attend Science Night on March 25 at Enfield High School.
 - **First Readers**-Kristin
 - The ceremony was a success! It was held on March 17 where 70 readers were recognized. High school student volunteers participated, and current seniors were the first cohort recognized by the organization. The next board meeting is on May 20 at 5:00 pm at the Central Library.
 - **Rocking Chair Readers**-Michala
 - The program has been expanded into the primary schools. 3 kindergarten teachers are currently matched with volunteers at Enfield Street and Hazardville Memorial Schools. Registration will now include classrooms up to 2nd grade as volunteer capacity allows.
 - **Play Lab**-Hannah
 - More opportunities are in the plans to bring the Play Lab experience to the public. Please check our Facebook for upcoming events.

Announcements

- **NCCC:** The Home Show has been postponed to next year. North Central Acts of Kindness Awards were presented last week to 4 Enfield High School students.
- **Enfield Food Shelf:** Serving an average of 450 shoppers weekly. Numbers have increased to 470+ in the 3rd and 4th week of the month (when SNAP benefits run out). There is an increase in homeless youth which is consistent with McKinney-Vento data.
The Town-Wide PLA Tag Sale to benefit the Food Shelf on April 25; online payments due.
The Lunch Link program takes place on April 14 from 11:00–12:00 during spring break. Families need to register once a year.
Fundraising campaign launching soon. Community members are encouraged to donate spare change on Thursdays from 9 am- 5 pm in April. Please see the attached flyers.
- **Kiwanis:** Hosted an End Hunger event assembling meals for local food pantries. They are holding a Trivia Night fundraising event on April 17th at the Knights of Columbus. Ongoing efforts to grow membership and branding. Please see the attached flyer.
- **Social Services:** The Family Resource Center is offering Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program for children ages 0–5 to provide a more personalized experience to go over their child's development.
A virtual presentation is being offered on What to Know About Vaping for parents.

Adjournment 6:30pm