

# Partnerships/Collaboration Roundtable Notes

## Group 1

### **Belle Center**

– OT and inclusion to school age children; 75% of services delivered in natural environment.  
Inclusion is the mission!

Partnership with Children's Museum

Created a sensory guide for children with disabilities to include participation of kids at museum.

70% of kids have scholarships

North side of Chicago

Partnerships – within Catholic schools – Archdiocese and CPS

Charge \$70/hour for services with schools (subsidized) ½ cost then out of pocket

### **Children's Museum**

Have support materials from Belle Center

Play for All initiative – inclusion for kids with disabilities

Have 1<sup>st</sup> hour 9-10 am admission is free

Subsidized bussing system – bus comes to a central location

Targeted specific agencies – Easter Seals, Children's Home & Aid Society, Lighthouse for the Blind

Funding for expenses! – looking to expand

Not enough people taking advantage of it – underutilized! – need more marketing of program

Can register up to 6 individuals per group

Only in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of program

Bring siblings

Although Navy Pier location it's not that overwhelming; have quiet room

Autism program – storybook guide – visual graphics

Play therapy guide – collaborative

Provide opportunities to experience museum and help them learn

Belle Center helped them understand population

### **Our Place of New Trier Township**

New program

Young adults/teens – social integration

After school programs

Private pay and grants

Limited geographical area – Evanston, Skokie, Glencoe, Wilmette

Partnering with nursing homes, volunteer center

Moderate – high functioning level

Suggestion for group – offer support PACES – social skills relationships

**Linda Sandman – UIC**

Can provide training on sexuality education and health for individuals with disabilities  
Self-advocacy group – accessible language model – staff paired with person with disability to train on how to teach this model

Need is tremendous  
Groups here or go out in community

Misericordia – interesting program – CILA’s with community integration  
Self-contained vs. inclusion

Center for Enriched Living (Deerfield/Northbrook) – book club partnership – kids pick out a book and share ideas – private paid

Collaborations take time!  
They are on-going – is it going to work?  
Different initiatives  
Accessible to where you are located  
Untapped resources – how you get yourself known

**Envision**

Relationships with universities – maximize capacity to serve population

CARES – create programming  
Increased donors past and present  
Mentoring programs

**Clearbrook**

Collaborate with families – formalized partnerships  
Parents’ advisory board and who they know  
Advisory boards have sense of ownership  
Contacts families at beginning  
GRACE program

**Group 2**

**Our Place of New Trier Township**

Teens and young adults with disabilities  
Vocational, community, life-long activities, bowling, full participation  
Senior center model

**Envision**

1500 infants, children, adults, seniors  
41 program sites

**Anixter Center**

A school on northside primary autism  
Sensory approach, floor time activities  
Adult transition program – young adults out of school out in the community

**Community Support Services**

Respite, CILA, customized  
Community based

**Music Institute of Chicago (ITA – Institute Therapy Arts)**

Art, music, play therapy  
Work with drama group, schools  
Creative art therapy  
Private pay, grants

**Shore Community Services**

Infants to seniors  
Adult day, EI, respite – comprehensive services

**PACCT Learning Center**

Smaller, newer, Rogers Park  
Therapeutic day school, residential homes, opened first adult CILA  
Vocational services – SEP model with job coaches

**Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind**

Serves all counties  
Center based and home based  
Developmental therapist with vision specialist  
Funding issues – PT/OT/Speech – huge issue – out looking for donors  
Support group for families and parents  
Fun family outings  
Families get to meet other families  
Senior program – collaboration between those programs  
Keep connected to professional organizations!  
Test that kids can take in Braille/large print  
Grant from State Board of Education  
Adaptive technology

**Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago**

Created a production – art and drama alternative  
16 week program – speech rehab  
Data collection before and after

NIH

Seed money from township – spec ed program – space in Northshore Day School

Challenges with collaboration -----

Anixter Center – student population – tap into college kids

Volunteer coordinator – to get unpaid interns to run the programs

Clinical expertise

Companies like to give back so tap into that

Volunteers!!!!

Companies support improvement projects for nonprofits

Where do you post for staff?

Donors Forum

NPO.net

Collaboration idea – autism – low functioning levels – find commonalities between agencies

Thrift shop in community –

Manager

Describe model and provide supports

Could not staff enough time

Provide partnership with high school districts

3 shifts a day