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an Illinois Action for Children Community Systems Development Initiative

2017 PPA Conference

Peer-to-Peer Conversations

Session One: 11:20 am – 12:30 pm

1. Building effective relationships despite competing agendas

I am interested in sustainability and how do we find effective models to build relationships when there are always competing agendas and (silent) relationship dynamics at play.

Caller and convener: Fakelia Guyton

2. Changing our definition of sustainability from surviving to evolving

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Caller and convener: Christina Foster

This conversation will be offered during both the morning and afternoon session.

Session Two: 1:30 pm – 2:40 pm

1. Creative strategies for getting stakeholder buy-in

I am thinking maybe something to do with 'Creative strategies for getting buy-in from a variety of stakeholders (e.g. school districts, community early learning centers, health providers, libraries, etc.). It could be just specifically identifying one these stakeholders or it could be the broader subject.

Caller and convener: Ashley Long

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In the end there were six conversations (5 topics):

1. Effective Relationships when there are Competing Agenda
2. Revisiting our Definition of Sustainability (am and pm)
3. How do people navigate power dynamics to move CSD forward?
4. Creative Strategies for Stakeholder Buy-In
5. How to measure successes?