La Crosse Area Family Policy Board

“Systems and providers aligned for better outcomes”

Monthly Meeting
May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2022
Discussion Topics

1. **Client needs** agencies are seeing - **March**
2. Burden of **regulation / licensing** requirements - **April**
3. **Labor shortage** impact on services - **May**
Recap (April)

1. What Federal or State-level regulations are making it difficult to meet our local human services needs
   - Identify the regulation
   - Describe how it negatively impacting your work
   - Suggest solutions
     i.e., eliminate or change the regulation; collaborate to meet the regulation, etc.

Issues

Licenses for Clinical Therapists
- Many agencies experiencing issue in how long it is taking the state to process licensing applications for Clinical Therapists (backlog)
- Also, difficult to identify qualified resources locally to provide the necessary supervisor of clinical hours required to become licensed

Child Care
- Regulations are having an issue on child care capacity

Potential Solutions

Licenses for Clinical Therapists
- Advocacy at State level for more funding for more staff necessary to address backlog
- Local agencies ban together to explore:
  - Share resources to oversee clinical hours
  - Recruit retired therapists for this purpose
  - Brainstorming of other solutions

Child Care
- There are currently different groups and efforts concentrated on this issue
1. How is the labor shortage impacting your ability to deliver services?
Thank you!