

Mayor's Commission for Children Meeting

April 11, 2023, 8:00am

Springfield Chamber of Commerce

202 S John Q Hammons Parkway

James B Anderson Conference Room

Coffee at 7:45

Brandy Harris- Open / Welcome

Reflections on the celebration of the studies over the last 17 years. MCC continues to inform and energize best practices to improve the lives of our children. We have recognized a challenge through our studies and it is an example of why the Commission was created.

Introduction of Dr. Fallone

Dr. Melissa Fallone, Dixon Center for Research and Service at Missouri State University

Presentation of the Kindergarten Readiness Study conducted in the fall of 2022

Matt Simpson Mayor Pro Tem- representing the mayor today.

The Kindergarten Readiness Study was made possible through the funding and support of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the Musgrave Foundation

About Mayor's Commission for Children

The Mayor's Commission for Children was established in 2004. Our mission is to ensure every child matters by acting as a catalyst to mobilize and educate our community concerning the health and well-being of our local youth. **Our vision** is to be the voice for children's issues in our community. Meetings are held at 8:00 am on the second Tuesday of each month at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

"As we continue our work to skill up our workforce in Springfield, we must remember that it all begins with children arriving at kindergarten ready to learn," said Mayor Ken McClure. "I want to thank the commission and our partners for tracking this important data, and I want to commend Springfield Public Schools and the education community for their efforts to make pre-K programs accessible to every child in Springfield."

Brigitte Adjourn/Remind that several people are on hand to answer questions.

Copy of study in Binders are available along w copies of Press-release.

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