



EITAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Planning and Services Committee
Agency Relations Report
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Agency Relations Department

- Tracy Mauk attended the CCVI Halloween Trick-or-Treat Event and passed out candy and toys to children receiving services at CCVI. This event is always a wonderful way to see the children eitas funds. After the kids trick or treat at CCVI they walk up to KCPT 'The Bridge Studio' for Trunk or Treat. This event is put on every year by the station for all children at CCVI, Children's TLC and the Y.
- Open Options held their 3rd Annual Opie's Award Ceremony. Eitas was named the Community Partner of the Year. Open Options is also working on a merger with Life Unlimited. They are in hopes that it will be official very soon. Tracy Mauk also met with the Open Options team to clarify requirements per their contract as several staff members are new.
- Agency Relations is very happy to welcome Sarah Vallandingham. She is transitioning into her role from Support Coordination. She will be a great asset to the department.
- Tracy attended Saturday classes at the ACED program. It was good to see the classes, meet the teachers and talk to the students. Nancy Carter and Tracy are meeting to discuss the observations.
- Rainbow Options participated in their CARF Certification Survey. Tracy attended the entrance and exit meetings and met with the surveyors to provide feedback as a funder. Overall the survey went very well. There are both recommendations and consultations. Eitas expects to receive a copy of the survey as well as the improvement plan that will be submitted to CARF by Rainbow Administration.



Gentle Teaching

- Disability Supports from McPherson, KS, attended training and plan to stay involved so that they can provide training at their agency. They have been involved in Gentle Teaching since the GTI 2015 Conference.
- Agency Relations is developing the mentor process so that area mentors will be recognized by Gentle Teaching International.
- A schedule will be available soon for trainings in 2019. The training is also going to be one day instead of two. Agency Relations will provide more consultation and onsite training for agencies developing a culture of gentleness. We plan to have topic specific training to deepen the understanding of creating a culture of gentleness.