

AVS Preschool Inclusion Program  
Meeting Notes  
October 1, 2015

**1. Share Out: Discussion of other Preschool Inclusion Programs**

- **Chester:**
  - Small program. Filled with kids who need services then back filled with role model students.
  - Structure: ½ day afternoon (12:30-3:00).
  - Tuition: \$235/month 3x week or \$310/month 4x week for role model students.
- **Gofftstown:**
  - Structure: Up to 50% identified. 6 regular Ed /6 sped
  - 1 certified early childhood special ed, 2 paras
  - Role model students selected via lottery
  - Tuition: 3-year-olds \$90.00/month (3x week, TWT)  
4-year-olds \$120.00/month (4x week, TWTF)
  - Monday IEP children only/multi-age.
- **Hooksett**
  - Structure: Number of days a child is enrolled is flexible; the program is designed to meet the service needs of each child.
  - Parents can choose the preschool setting to receive services. Service providers do travel but with reduced frequency.
  - To provide the LRE, each class consists of 50% sped and 50% peer models. Peer models are selected through a lottery
  - The Preschool Special Education Coordinator is responsible for the administration of the program. Preschool Special Education teacher develops lessons, implements curriculum, etc.
  - Schedule:

MWF	9:15-11:45 am	4 year olds
Tues-Thurs	9:15-11:45 am	3 year olds
TWT	12:30-3:00 pm	4 year olds

**2. Discussion/ideas of AVS Preschool Inclusion Program**

- Design a teaching position that would be .5 preschool special education and .5 kindergarten. This full time role would also address the high turnover rate for the .5 kindergarten position.
- To provide the LRE, each class will consist of 50% special education students and 50% peer models.
- Classrooms could be multi-aged
- Peer role models could be selected through a lottery system
- Income generated through tuition will be redistributed into the preschool program to offset costs.

### 3. Questions addressed (answers in red):

- What are our preschool numbers for 2015-2016? **6**
- What are our preschool special education population trends?  
**2015-2016: Two students in community preschools.**  
**Two students likely to be serviced at home.**  
**One student in a specialized placement**  
**One student just requires related services**  
**Impossible to predict additional students, but they are at least 90 days out.**  
**2014-2015: Two students in a community preschool.**  
**Several students just related services. \*could we get specific numbers?**  
**One student was discharged, and one moved.**  
**One student in a specialized placement**  
**2013-2014: One student in a community preschool.**  
**Many students just required related services. \*could we get specific numbers**  
**One student was discharged.**  
**2012-2013 One out of district placement – full day required.**  
**One student in a community preschool**  
**The team consulted for a student in a community based preschool**
- What would be our start up costs?  
**Half time preschool teacher certified in regular ed/ special ed - \$29,500.**  
**We would also need a half of a paraprofessional - 6,000.**
- How much does it cost to for outside placement?  
**It very much depends on the placement. A current halfday is right around \$40,000**  
**While a full day not too long ago was \$50,000. Transportation is often an**  
**additional, and significant, cost - \$30,000 or more.**  
**Should we extend the preschool special education program to other towns? No.**  
**Our numbers at this time would support an independent preschool program**

### 4. Next Meeting: November 4, 2015 @ 4:00

- Janna Ruiz from Chester will be invited by Anne to attend the next meeting.
- Questions to be answered:
  - How much money are we paying for preschool tuition? (Anne)
  - How do other schools handle mid-year enrollment? (Wendy, Aimee)
  - We need more information on regular early childhood program vs special education program. Confirm if we need state approval for a regular early childhood program. (Anne, Wendy)
- Ongoing topics:
  - Develop a rubric to guide tuition decisions.
  - How many kids do we need per class? 10-12?
  - Preference for siblings?

