



Great Start Collaborative-Oakland Accomplishments 2008-2009

- 332 parents and 144 children attended 2009 Great Parents Conferences (4-18-09 and 5-2-09)
- 167 community members and parents participated on GSC-O Strategic Leadership, subcommittees and workgroups
- 80 parents attended Parent Coalition meetings and activities
- 42 parents and 38 children attended Parent Coalition picnic (8-8-08)
- 38 community members visited legislators and participate in Star Power Rally (5-21-09)
- Representative Andy Meisner appointed to ECIC Corporate Board; Ken Gutman, Superintendent, Lake Orion Schools, appointed to ECIC Executive Board
- 104 GSC-O presentations, workshops and outreach events were conducted
- 179 community members subscribed to GSC-O E-Newsletter
- 14 GSC-O members participated in Regional Child Care and Early Learning Center planning team
- Website at www.greatstartforkids-oakland.org received 12,566 hits
- 140 community partners attended the Ruby Payne training, A Framework for Understanding Poverty (4-29-09)
- Secured grant from United Way for Southeastern Michigan for \$1,350,000 (\$450,000 per year for three year cycle). Grant funds support hospital newborn visits, home visit services, child care quality improvement, Early On Family Support and child care expulsion prevention projects.
- Secured grant from Michigan Department of Community Health in amount of \$375,000 (\$75,000 per year for 5 year cycle). Grant funds supports child care expulsion prevention project.
- Submitted grant for \$20,000 from Oakland University for physician outreach and awareness project
- Successful completion of Fiscal Mapping Project and final report for state, federal and state funding of programs in Oakland County
- Sponsored the Galileo Institute (8-12-09) at Meadowbrook Hall with 80 participants representing 11 school districts and a variety of roles with a focus on building an early childhood through 12th school system.
- Follow us online at: www.greatstartforkids-oakland.org or Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/pages/Waterford-MI/Great-Start-Collaborative-Oakland/102350338355>.

