

Parenting Leadership and Family Support Subcommittee
Meeting Notes
Thursday-May 27, 2010
1:00-3:00 Carehouse

In Attendance: Brenda Jenkins, New Hope/Circle of Parents; Bridget Hanigan, Oakland 4C; Kim Bowyer, GSC-O; Joyce Siggall, OLHSA/Head Start; Catherine Johnson, CSSOC; Rosemary Spatafora, Safety Bear; Craig Stone, OFS; Kevin Zoromski, OFS; Miriana Milo, CAREhouse; Charles Ludwig, CAREHouse; Lisa Sturges, GSC-O

Task Force Group Updates: Updates were provided for each task force group and next steps were discussed.

Parenting Resource Guide: A draft was sent to subcommittees and a few recommendations were made. Final draft was approved and has been sent to print for 1000 copies. Should be complete sometime in June.

Parenting Outreach Events: Lisa has not had a chance to work on this project yet. She will bring a draft to the next meeting.

Parenting Kiosk: Our implementation funds will allow us to buy another large kiosk. Lisa shared some examples. The group agreed that trying to get the same one (because it has worked so well) was a good choice. The kiosk has now been ordered and we expect to have it delivered either in late June or early July. Implementation funds also allow us to purchase 8-10 smaller and permanent kiosks. An application to be a host site for these kiosk has gone out to child care agencies, libraries, past kiosk hosts, physicians, faith based locations, etc. These applications are due 6/28. Chosen sites will get their choice of a floor based model, a counter top model or a wall hanging model. Sites will be asked to agree to work with us to keep the kiosks stocked with parenting information relevant to young families in Oakland County and to provide feedback on the kiosks usefulness. Dennis has agreed to deliver the second kiosk as well as assemble and deliver the smaller kiosks.

Parenting Conference: The conference was a success!! We shared evaluations at the meeting-lots of great comments. We did have a comment from several presenters about the large number of early childhood providers. This is something we will discuss as we work for planning next year. We have had some initial south county interest in hosting a fall conference (two sites). However, we have not heard back from those interested on more specific logistics. As it is getting closer the end of June we will need to consider whether this is a feasible thing for this year given other outreach events already scheduled for July, August and September.

Strengthening Families Framework: Outreach for 12 pilot sites has begun and are being scheduled. We have contracted with Julie Ogg to facilitate most if these cafés. We

shared sample materials at the meeting. Donna had done outreach to Illinois for a professional trainer to come. While the initial contact did not work out, Donna did find an alternative. A professional training has been scheduled for September 10. The training will be all day with Donna presenting on the Strengthening Families framework in the morning and Kathleen Strader will be presenting in the afternoon on working with families in stress. This subcommittee will be the planning group for this training event. In addition, the Protective Factors Parent Survey is now being used as a measurement tool for DHS funded prevention projects. This does represent a broader age range than just early childhood. DHS Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Pilot Project funds will focus on Pontiac families. Funding will support evidence based models for DHS level 3 and 4 referrals from children 0-18. Oakland Schools included a preventative component using strengthening families training for both professionals and parents.

Subcommittee Considerations:

There might possibly be new federal home visiting grant funding available. ECIC and the Dept of Community Health will submit a state application in September. As we know more about what the state application contains, we will need to establish a workgroup or task force to be ready for local planning. We can build on many successful experiences and programs, but need to create a coordinated systems approach. More information will follow as we gain a better understanding.

Next Steps:

None needed

Announcements:

Next meeting is July 22, 2010