

Great Start Collaborative-Oakland

Parenting Education & Family Support Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

August 27, 2009
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 CARE House

In Attendance:

Miriana Milo, Carehouse; Bridget Hanigan, 4C; Mary Schusterbauer, OYCA; Joyce Siggall, OLHSA-Head Start; Craig Stone, OFS; Suzi Wilson, CSSOC, Kim Bowyer, GSC-O; Donna Lackie, OS; Lisa Sturges, GSC-O

Action Agenda Status:

PARENTING EDUCATION & FAMILY SUPPORT			
Families support and guide the early learning of their infants and young children.			
OBJECTIVE/ACTION STEP	TARGET DATES	PROGRESS MEASURES	STATUS
<i>Goal PE/FS1: Increase the awareness, utilization, and communication of existing parenting education and family support services in order to empower parents to assist their families in becoming self-sufficient.</i>			
Strategy PE/FS1.A: Create a Parenting Education and Family Support Resource Guide for families with young children			
PE/FS1.A.1 -Create a dissemination plan for the Resource Guide (to partners and community).	10/31/08	Completion of a dissemination plan for the Resource Guide (i.e. order forms, number set aside for partners).	We reviewed the final draft and made several changes and additions and did a little reorganizing. Lisa will submit this amended version to Jean to be printed before the end of September. With so much of next year’s budget up in the air, we will do a smaller print run and then reevaluate the status of included programs once FY 09/10 budgets are in place.
PE/FS1.A.2 -Solicit feedback from users of	7/31/09	Feedback is collected from users	See Above

the parent education resource guide.		(i.e. tear out postcard, survey).	
PE/FS1.A.3 -Revise parent education resource guide as needed, research potential funding sources and disseminate resource guide on an annual basis.	10/31/09	Resource guide is revised/changed and disseminated on an annual basis.	See Above
Strategy PE/FS1.B: Create a central database and calendar for programs and services for young children and their families.			
PE/FS1.B.1 -Assess the feasibility of coordinating with other existing efforts, such as the Oakland Youth Assistance Calendar, WIKI site, 211 and Oakland Helplink,	09/30/09	The feasibility of coordinating with other existing efforts is reported; a plan for coordination is discussed.	No updates
Strategy PE/FS1.C: In conjunction with the Community Engagement workgroup, outreach to the community to increase utilization of parenting resources throughout the community			
PE/FS1.C.1 -Create a plan for activities related to Parenting Awareness Month	1/31/09	Working with Oakland Parenting Awareness Coalition, a plan is created for Parenting Awareness Month (i.e. outreach, promotion, activities and/or events).	No updates.
PE/FS1.C.2 -Research the feasibility of creating a traveling exhibit/kiosk for parent resources	6/30/09	A workgroup is created to research the feasibility of creating a traveling exhibit/kiosk for parent resources (i.e. location, cost, resources); findings are reported.	The kiosk will be at the Brandon Library in September. Lisa will bring the distribution form to next month's meeting in order to review how effective this method seems at in order to help parents access and use parenting resources.
Strategy PE/FS1.D: Provide training on the importance of early childhood development and community resources, including empowering parents			
PE/FS1.D.1 -Create a "train the trainer" model focusing on the importance of early childhood development and community resources.	4/30/09	A model is created which focuses on communicating the importance of early childhood development and community resources.	No update
PE/FS1.D.2 -Implement the model in schools and with community partners, aligning with Great Start Community	7/31/09	The model is implemented in schools and with community partners.	See above

Awareness Action Plan.			
Strategy PE/FS1.E: Create “Parenting your Infant/Toddler/Preschooler” toolkits			
PE/FS1.E.1 -Research existing publications to see what is already in place and what is needed	4/30/09	Existing publications are reported on.	Lisa has been working on the cost analysis sheet and has been following up with specific programs to check on their willingness to participate. All community partners asked were willing to help, thus keeping the cost down a bit. At his month’s meeting, Lisa brought in the cost analysis spreadsheet. The cost is over \$50,000 in order to pilot a printing of 3000 of each type of toolkit. This project will remain on hold until we know the status of the budget. At that time we can reevaluate whether we can stay at the suggested pilot or if we need to reduce the number of toolkits that we pilot. If budget allows, this would be done in the next fiscal year October or November.
PE/FS1.E.2 -Work with community partners to create contents, based on key parenting concepts at each of these ages	7/31/09	Key parenting concepts are named; contents are created.	See above
PE/FS1.E.3 -Create a dissemination plan, based on available resources to reproduce (such as web-based, through programs, libraries, birthing hospitals, physicians, etc).	10/31/09	A dissemination plan is created.	See above
Goal PE/FS2: <i>Every family with young children has the skills and knowledge needed to provide learning opportunities, leading to school readiness for their children.</i>			
Strategy PE/FS2.A: Provide high quality parenting education and family support services that is research based.			
PE/FS2.A.1 -Research the feasibility of expanding the conference to two locations	10/31/08	A workgroup to research the feasibility of expanding the conference will be created.	No Update

PE/FS2.A.2 -Hold annual parenting conference for families with young children.	5/31/09	Parenting Conference will have been provided.	See above
Strategy PE/FS2.B: Assess the availability and accessibility of existing parent education and family support services in Oakland County			
PE/FS2.B.1 -Define what information we want and/or need to know when we assess existing parent education and family support services for Oakland County.	10/31/08	Guidelines for what assessment is necessary for Oakland County will be reported.	The group discussed a little more about what our role as a subcommittee would be in using the Strengthening Families/ Protective Factors framework. Lisa brought in examples of what other states have done including parent café's, parent handbooks, posters, calendars and parent training. Donna further described what a parent café looks like. Next month Donna and Lisa will bring in an example of what a parent training might include.
PE/FS2.B.2 - Complete an assessment of existing parent education and family support services to include types of programs, location or area served, and other information as defined in PE/FS2.B.1	12/31/08	Present assessment of parent education and family support services to GSC-O Strategic Leadership (ideas include geomapping or other visual techniques)	See above
PE/FS2.B.3 -Research standards of quality and research-based practices by type of program.	3/31/09	Report on findings.	See above
PE/FS2.B.4 -Work on accessing additional funding to expand current parenting education and family support services in Oakland County.	9/30/09	Potential funding sources are identified and at least one proposal for funding is completed.	See above

Other Issues and Concerns:

Announcements:

Kim distributed flyers for the September parent coalition meeting picnic that will be held on September 15th in Lake Orion from 5:30-8:00 at CERC.

Next Steps:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24th, 2009 from 1:00-3:00 at Carehouse.