

Great Start Collaborative-Oakland

Basic Needs, Economic Security & Child Safety Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

October 9, 2008
 9:30-11:30 AM
 Oakland County Child Care Council

Attendees: Chandra Jones (Parent), Sherry Scruggs (4C), Becky DeLong (4C), Pamela Davis (6th Circuit Court), Mary Kosal (LCFS), Nicole Denson (MDHS-O), Lisa Sturges (GSC-O), Pamela Barckholtz (GSC-O)

Recap: Chandra Jones provided a recap of the taxonomy presentation given by Marie last month. This system is very complicated and needs to be explained by an expert.

Agenda:

Committee worked on determining the supportive or lead role objectives and prioritized the objectives that we have a lead role with.

BASIC NEEDS, ECONOMIC SECURITY & CHILD SAFETY Families of infants and young children are economically stable. Infants and young children live in safe families.					
OBJECTIVE/ACTION STEP	RESOURCE NEEDS	ROLES/ RESPONSIBILITIES	TARGET DATES	PROGRESS MEASURES	STATUS
Goal BN/ES/CS1: <i>Increase awareness of available community resources and referral & resource systems.</i>					
Strategy BN/ES/CS1.A: Promote the use of 211.					
Supportive BN/ES/CS1.A.1 - Increase the public awareness of 211.	Outreach Materials Time	GSC-O Staff	9/30/09	Inclusion of 211 materials at every GSC-O event.	Ongoing
Strategy BN/ES/CS1.B: Gain an understanding of the current resource and referral systems (including 211, Oakland Helplink, and other community					

resource guides) and what community organizations and families are using to access service information.					
Supportive BN/ES/CS1.B.1 - Research the status of Oakland Helplink.	Access to information Time	GSC-O Staff Oakland Schools Staff	1/31/09	A status report will be presented to the subcommittee. Documentation of meeting notes.	
Lead # 2 BN/ES/CS1.B.2 - Research summer lunch programs availability and promote expansion where possible.	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	1/31/09	Compilation of programs and recommendations for expansion completed and shared with subcommittee and potential partners. 10-9-08 Reviewed questions generated at last meeting. Add: How does a site qualify as a summer lunch program? Can the program be mobile? Can it be other places besides churches or schools	
Lead # 6 BN/ES/CS1.B.3 -Convene a workgroup to develop recommendations regarding the feasibility of merging various resource manuals, such as Helplink, OLHSA, Youth Assistance manuals	Access to information Time Agency buy-in and information about how they update their systems	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	1/31/09	Provide recommendations to GSC-O Strategic Leadership.	
Lead # 3 BN/ES/CS1.B.4 - Research community resources in specific townships/municipalities	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	3/31/09	Communicate with townships/municipalities regarding their resource networks	
Strategy BN/ES/CS1.C: Assist early childhood services and support in connecting their information to the 211 Database.					
Supportive BN/ES/CS1.C.1 - Research the feasibility of	Access to information	211 Basic Needs Subcommittee	6/30/09	Report to Strategic Leadership on the feasibility of a	

developing a mechanism for inclusion in a separate resource database for those resources that do not meet criteria for inclusion in 211.	Time	GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners		mechanism for inclusion in a resource database those resources that do not meet criteria for inclusion in 211.	
Lead # 7 BN/ES/CS1.C.2 -Assist ineligible resources with becoming eligible for inclusion in 211.	Access to information Time	211 Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	Will provide guidance to ineligible resources that are identified during a two month period of the calendar year.	
Goal BN/ES/CS2: <i>Raise awareness of the need for more low income, subsidized, affordable, safe housing and advocate for additional affordable housing resources for families with young children.</i>					
Strategy BN/ES/CS2.A: Connect to other collaborative groups with housing goals.					
Lead # 1 BN/ES/CS2.A.1 -Identify and designate one Great Start member to represent the 0-5 population on the OCTH.	Access to information Time	OCTH Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	12/31/08	One GSC-O member will represent the 0-5 population on the OCTH. 10-9-08 Pam has meeting scheduled with OCTH chairperson	
Lead # 9 BN/ES/CS2.A.2 -Work to understand the subsidized housing system and what is required to increase the Section 8 vouchers in Oakland County	Access to information Time	OCTH Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	Invite OCTH to participate in our meetings 10-9-08 Reviewed questions generated for Housing Commission Visitor. Added: How is it determined where a housing commission is located? Do the housing commissions work with banks and foreclosures to assist with housing needs?	
Lead # 10 BN/ES/CS2.A.3 - Research the legislative and regulatory guidelines for subsidized housing in Oakland County	Access to information Time	MHSDA staff Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	Meet with MHSDA to discuss	

Goal BN/ES/CS3: Raise awareness of the need for more transportation resources for very low income families with young children.

Strategy BN/ES/CS3.A: Understand what other groups are doing to address this need.

<p>Lead # 8 BN/ES/CS3.A.1 - Understand the transportation issues that 2-1-1 has encountered in Oakland County</p>	<p>Access to information Time</p>	<p>Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff 2-1-1 Staff</p>	<p>3/31/09</p>	<p>Request 2-1-1 report on feedback received regarding transportation</p>	
<p>Lead # 4 BN/ES/CS3.A.2 - Understand transportation issues with GSC-O partners</p>	<p>Access to information Time</p>	<p>Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff GSC-O Partners</p>	<p>6/31/09</p>	<p>Meet with partners to discuss transportation issues and determine next steps</p>	
<p>Lead # 5 BN/ES/CS3.A.3 -Develop a research plan to better understand what others are doing to help Oakland County with transportation issues.</p>	<p>Access to information Time</p>	<p>Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners</p>	<p>9/30/09</p>	<p>A report of what others are doing to help Oakland County with transportation issues will be available to Strategic Leadership. 10-9-08 Considered Survey Monkey questions generated lastg meeting. Added: Do you know of other transportation resources? What are they? Do you refer clients to services close to their homes? Is transportation considered for any referral? Have you had out of county transportation issues? Do you have estimates of how many miss appointments because of transporation issues? Do you know of school opportunities lost because of lack of transportation?</p>	

2-1-1 Report

Committee reviewed 2-1-1 report summary. We will continue to work on this with an electronic copy distributed to the committee for return to Pam by October 28, and a final report to be completed by October 30.

General comments to include in the report are:

1. The taxonomy appears to be dated
2. Are all operators trained taxonomists
3. Operators live in Detroit/Wayne county and naturally are more familiar with those resources. Could there be Oakland County specialists?
4. The services described under the agencies don't necessarily match the Service Index. Eg. Greyhound is listed as Personal Care Attendant, but the Service Index is "Discount Program."
5. Could 2-1-1 include a list of critical websites?
6. Could we get a scholarship to train the trainer in Refer taxonomy?

A few additional resources were added to the 2-1-1 report.

Housing Resources

Invite Housing Commission visitor to our November meeting, if possible.

Next Meeting: Regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2008, is same day as Poverty Summit. We will encourage attendance at the summit. Next Meeting, November 6, 2008, 9:30-11:30 AM, Oakland County Child Care Council.