



Great Start Collaborative-Oakland Accomplishments 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
- 38 community members visited legislators and participate in Star Power Rally (5-21-09)
- 104 GSC-O presentations, workshops and outreach events were conducted
- 14 GSC-O members participated in Regional Child Care and Early Learning Center planning team
- 140 community partners attended the Ruby Payne training, A Framework for Understanding Poverty (4-29-09)
- Budget advocacy efforts proved successful in maintaining early childhood funding including: Great Start Collaborative \$365,000; Great Start School Readiness Programs \$4,613,800; and Great Parents \$282,228!
- Secured new federal funding for Early Head Start for \$1,000,000 to serve 127 infants and toddlers in Pontiac, Lake Orion and Oxford
- Great Parents – Parent education programs supported 100 families in intensive home visit programs, 390 families in Learning Together playgroups and 430 parents attending parenting workshops
- 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.
- 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.

