



Great Start Collaborative-Oakland Task Force Group Projects June 2010 Updates

Parenting Leadership and Family Support

Parenting Resource Guide

Strategy: Continue to disseminate the Guide to families with young children

Successes:

- New draft is off to print and should be available before the end of June. A total of 1000 were printed.

Challenges:

- Keeping up with program changes

Next Steps:

- Follow up with current programs in guide for any changes due to funding
- Follow up with additional programs not already included in the guide
- Follow up with users on suggestions, edits, etc.
- Disseminate guide

Parenting Outreach Events

Strategy: Outreach to the community to increase utilization of parenting resources throughout the county

Successes:

- Webpage with resources has been created. Will review at next subcommittee meeting

Challenges:

- Many, many parenting outreach events throughout Oakland County

Next Steps:

- Work on webpage to make it helpful for families
- Work on outreach to mom's groups

Parenting Kiosk

Strategy: Outreach to the community to increase utilization of parenting resources throughout the county

Successes:

- First kiosk is scheduled through the fiscal year at a variety of sites
- Second kiosk (same as first) has been ordered and sites are being arranged
- Implementation funds allow for us to offer 8-10 sites the opportunity to have a smaller more permanent kiosk-application to a variety of locations has gone out

Challenges:

- So much information for parents-what is most important to include
- Large county-trying to make sure that it reaches all corners
- Lots of locations-trying to make sure that we reach a variety of audiences

Next Steps:

- Review applications and choose final sites
- Review feedback and material distribution to date
- Consider additional materials to include based on criteria, feedback and distribution

Parenting Conference

Strategy: Provide high quality parenting education and family support services that is research based

Successes:

- The 4th annual Parenting Conference and Resource Fair was a success!!

Challenges:

- Timing to plan a second south county conference

Next Steps:

- Awaiting word from Liz Csizmadia from the Farmington Youth Assistance office to host a smaller south county conference; Liz is outreaching to other YA offices in Troy, Madison Heights and Royal Oak

Strengthening Families Framework

Strategy: Work with other community partners to implement trainings for professionals and for parents on the Strengthening Families Model

Successes:

- Materials for parent trainings completed
- Initial professional training plans utilizing Illinois trainers/modules did not work out. However, Donna has made contact with another trainer (Kathleen Strader- Director, HFA Central Region Prevent Child Abuse America). A full day professional training has been scheduled for Friday, September 10 with Donna doing the morning overview of the strengthening families framework and Kathleen doing the afternoon session on working with families in stress. More information to follow.
- Pilot parent café sites are being scheduled. We should easily reach our 10 additional sites. Julie Ogg will be the facilitator for most cafes.

Challenges:

- Reaching parents who are harder to reach (don't attend workshops and other outreach events)

Next Steps:

- Finalize pilot plan details (sites/trainers)
 - Consider how to evaluate the effectiveness of these initial parent trainings
 - Plan professional training
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