

Great Start Collaborative-Oakland

Parenting Education & Family Support Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

July 23, 2009
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 CARE House

In Attendance:

Miriana Milo, Carehouse; Joyce Siggall, OLHSA-Head Start; Charles Ludwig, Carehouse; Craig Stone, OFS; Suzi Wilson, CSSOC, Dava Yanoff, Parent; Rosemary Spatafora, OCYA/Safety Bear; Kim Bowyer, GSC-O; Lisa Sturges, GSC-O

Action Agenda Status:

This month we discussed our year three plan while also discussing updates to each of our current action agenda—we looked at where we are and discussed where we hope to go within the next year. This document will include the updates discussed at the meeting. There will be a second document that will reflect our 3rd year action plan goals.

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
Goal PE/FS1: <i>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).	Lisa sent in the suggested changes to Jean and those changes have been made. At our August meeting we will be reviewing the final draft before it goes to print in September.
PE/FS1.A.2 -Solicit feedback from users of the parent education resource guide.	7/31/09	Feedback is collected from users (i.e. tear out postcard, survey).	See Above

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 Troy Library in August.
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 Awareness Action Plan.	7/31/09	The model is implemented in schools and with community partners.	See above
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. So far, most are very happy to partner with us although some have not been able to provide the full amount we would need for any given folder. Once we hear from all agencies, we will be able to add up total cost for this project. 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	10/31/08	Guidelines for what assessment is necessary for Oakland County will be reported.	The group agreed that this was an excellent model but something that was bigger than just parent education. Chuck

support services for Oakland County.			suggested that we should combine with other subcommittees. Lisa shared with the group the exercise that was done at the last Strategic Leadership meeting. More thought will be put into what our goals for year three will be utilizing this model.
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 parent coalition picnic that will be held in Lake Orion at Friendship Park on Saturday, August 8th from 10-1. Kim also mentioned that they are currently recruiting for a few more parent representatives. She distributed job descriptions to subcommittee members who thought they might know of a parent that would be interested.

Rosemary distributed information for the PAM kickoff in Lansing on November 9th. She also distributed flyers for the BBFA's 2009-2010 programs.

Joyce mentioned that they would be having three orientations on August 27th and could distribute any information that others had at those orientations.

Next Steps:

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27th, 2009 from 1:00-3:00 at Carehouse.