

Parenting Leadership and Family Support Subcommittee
Meeting Notes
Thursday-March 25, 2010
1:00-3:00 Carehouse

In Attendance: Brenda Jenkins, New Hope/Circle of Parents; Bridget Hanigan, Oakland 4C; Kim Bowyer, GSC-O; Kevin O'Shea, BBFA/Partnership for Dads; Joyce Siggall, OLHSA/Head Start; Catherine Johnson, CSSOC; Donna Lackie, GSC-O/OS; Mary Schusterbauer, OCYA; Rosemary Spatafora, Safety Bear; Craig Stone, OFS; Charles Ludwig, CAREHouse; Lisa Sturges, GSC-O

Task Force Group Updates: Updates were provided for each task force group and next steps were discussed.

Parenting Resource Guide: Due to Parenting conference work, the new draft of the Parent Resource Guide was not yet available. When Jean completes the draft, Lisa will send it to the subcommittee to review. Lisa will also follow up with programs in the guide to be sure their information is up to date.

Parenting Outreach Events: Lisa has not had a chance to work on this project yet but hopes to being in the month of April.

Parenting Kiosk: The kiosk has been scheduled through August and we are holding the last month for a faith based location. Dennis Spatafora has let us know that the kiosk is in need of a bit of TLC, he will be doing some general reinforcements between the April and May locations. Our implementation funds will allow us to buy another kiosk (either one large one or several smaller ones. Some things this subcommittee suggested to consider were (1) durability, (2) stands out/special/eye catching; (3) rotates; (4) number of items it can hold. Also, we will need to explore with Dennis his availability with delivering two each month. Lisa will "shop" for kiosk choices and follow up with Dennis.

Parenting Conference: Conference planning is underway and things are getting busy. The registration forms are out and numbers are filling up fast. Tote bags and t-shirts have been ordered. Vendors and speakers are full. We will need volunteers on Friday for set-up and Saturday throughout the day. Lisa will be sending out a shout out. Bridget shared that child care coverage looked good. Lisa will be working on the schedule in April. Jamina and Kim will be finalizing the advocacy projects for children and parents, voter registration and a gubernatorial event. The conference should be a success!!

Strengthening Families Framework: We discussed the Pilot plan details. Specifically, we discussed what the title should be. Title suggestions included parent voices, shaping the future, parenting empowerment, voices into action. We discussed several different locations/sites for the Parent Caf  s. Our goal was to do 12 total, three of these are already scheduled. With implementation funds, we will need to do 9 more between

June and September. We will also need to finalize who might be the facilitators and who we will evaluate the effectiveness. We briefly discussed professional trainings as well. Donna has contacted Illinois who does come speak to programs/professionals on how to incorporate the protective factors into their work.

Subcommittee Considerations:

Implementation Funds: We were awarded implementation funds!! These directly affect our work with strengthening families, expansion of the kiosk, printing of the resource guide, and a possible south county conference location.

Next Steps:

None needed

Announcements:

Next meeting is May 27, 2010