

**Parenting Leadership and Family Support Subcommittee  
Meeting Notes**

**Thursday-January 28, 2010**

**1:00-3:00 Oakland Schools**

**In Attendance:** Kim Bowyer, GSC-O; Kevin O'Shea, BBFA/Partnership for Dads; Linda Dailey, OLHSA/Head Start; Catherine Johnson, CSSOC; Kevin Zoromski, OFS; 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:* Lisa shared a different version of the parenting resource guide that reorganized the programs already in the guide using the five protective factors as categories. After reviewing, the group agreed that this might be more difficult for families to understand. The group felt that families know what workshops and playgroups are and that we should stick with that. The group did agree that using the protective factors was a good idea however. A new idea was to use symbols for each of the protective factors and then have those symbols next to each program. For instance, a specific playgroup might help with social connections as well as parent education so both symbols would be included next to it. Jean will reorganize and Lisa will send out to the task force group to review.

*Parenting Outreach Events:* Lisa shared that she was at a stopping point for this project because she was unclear how this is different than several other calendars and e-news letters that are already distributed. The group discussed this further and agreed that our main goal is to connect families to these opportunities. One suggestion was to create a ½ page flyer of websites where these outreach event lists can be found that can be included in the kiosk and on anyone's website. Another step would be to connect to mom's clubs-who have their own distribution lists that they can send out information to. Kim has already begun a list and Lisa will work with her on this.

*Parenting Kiosk:* Lisa shared with the group that we have scheduled the kiosk through July and are holding the last two months for a faith based location and a physician location. Donna shared that she has made a few faith based contacts that Lisa can follow up with. Rosemary made a good contact with a WIC office in Pontiac. The group also suggested the pediatric rehab facility at Beaumont on Coolidge (Berkley). Lisa will follow up with these sites.

*Parenting Conference:* Lisa shared the Save the Date flyer and the group provided feedback. Lisa also shared a list of possible speakers, vendors and workshop topics. The group provided GREAT feedback on ideas for who might be able to fill some of these holes. Lisa will follow up with those agencies and individuals that were suggested. The

conference planning group met after this meeting and reviewed the budget as well as the action plan with next steps. Planning for a second south county site is on hold until we hear about implementation funding.

*Strengthening Families Framework:* Lisa shared several pieces of information including the powerpoint she and Donna have been working on, an example of how Illinois organizes their Parent Café's and some sample questions. Lisa suggested that the task force group will need to meet to finalize plans and begin to schedule café events. This will happen in February or March. Donna shared some webinar's scheduled around this framework. These are free and anyone can sign up.

**Subcommittee Considerations:**

*Implementation Funds:* We are still awaiting information on this funding-we will keep the subcommittee updated as we hear more.

*0-3 Secondary Prevention Grant:* Donna shared information about a grant that GSC-O Parenting Leadership subcommittee would be asked to support. Information will come at the beginning of February and will be sent out for an e-vote. These funds are highly important for our youngest children.

**Next Steps:**

None needed

**Announcements:**

Next meeting is March 25, 2010