

Great Start Collaborative-Oakland Basic Needs, Economic Security & Child Safety Subcommittee Meeting Notes

March 12, 2009

9:30-11:30 AM

Oakland County Child Care Council

Attendees: Sherry Scruggs (4C), Becky DeLong (4C), Mary Kosal (LCFS), Leslie Roach (LCFS), Vicky Cooley (MDHS-O), Pamela Barckholtz (GSC-O)

Recap: Brief recap of February meeting provided by Pamela Barckholtz as part of debriefing after participating in webinar sponsored by Chapin Hall and the Urban Institute on the effect of foreclosures on children and families. A recording of this webinar can be found at

<http://www.urban.org/events/thursdayschild/Children-and-Foreclosures.cfm>

Unfortunately, the committee felt that the webinar provided some data to support the increasing rate of foreclosures but only asked the same questions we are asking about the effect of foreclosures on children and families and provided little information about initiatives to help. It also provided little information about where the children and families are going. Nationally there seems to be an anticipation of assistance coming from the federal level.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2009 or April 16, 2009, depending on availability of Housing Commission speaker, 9:30-11:30 AM, Oakland County Child Care Council.