

Great Start Collaborative-Oakland

Basic Needs, Economic Security & Child Safety Subcommittee

Meeting Notes

February 12, 2009
 9:30-11:30 AM
 Oakland County Child Care Council

Attendees: Chandra Jones (Parent), Sherry Scruggs (4C), Mary Kosal (LCFS), Leslie Roach (LCFS), Nicole Denson (MDHS-O), Pamela Barckholtz (GSC-O)

Recap: Chandra Jones provided a recap of our last meeting in January

Updated information regarding Poverty Summit of November 13, 2008 and subsequent Poverty Reduction regional efforts to complete 100 day plan. (reported by Nicole Denson). Region 3rd or 4th meeting was held on 2/9/09 with a good turn out. Reviewed early childhood template to be used throughout region. \$50,000 grant awarded to them; they can pay stipends to attend meetings, etc. No specific plans on how to use this grant to date. They are going to re-survey consumers because they feel they need to better understand the issues related to access to early childhood programs—is it the inability to afford them, inability to get to them, etc. They are considering teleconferencing future meetings. Next meeting will be February 23, 2009, 1 PM at the Monroe County DHS office.

BASIC NEEDS, ECONOMIC SECURITY & CHILD SAFETY
Families of infants and young children are economically stable.
Infants and young children live in safe families.

OBJECTIVE/ACTION STEP	RESOURCE NEEDS	ROLES/ RESPONSIBILITIES	TARGET DATES	PROGRESS MEASURES	STATUS
Goal BN/ES/CS1: <i>Increase awareness of available community resources and referral & resource systems.</i>					
Strategy BN/ES/CS1.A: Promote the use of 211.					
Supportive BN/ES/CS1.A.1 - Increase the public awareness of 211.	Outreach Materials Time	GSC-O Staff	9/30/09	Inclusion of 211 materials at every GSC-O event. 12-11-08 Worked on final	Ongoing

				letter detail. Members can still review letter and offer edits, but letter will be sent by end of month. 1-8-08 Approved final letter to 2-1-1. Letter will be signed by Committee Chairperson, Chandra Jones	
Strategy BN/ES/CS1.B: Gain an understanding of the current resource and referral systems (including 211, Oakland Helplink, and other community resource guides) and what community organizations and families are using to access service information.					
Supportive BN/ES/CS1.B.1 - Research the status of Oakland Helplink.	Access to information Time	GSC-O Staff Oakland Schools Staff	1/31/09	A status report will be presented to the subcommittee. Documentation of meeting notes.	
Lead # 2 BN/ES/CS1.B.2 - Research summer lunch programs availability and promote expansion where possible.	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	1/31/09	Compilation of programs and recommendations for expansion completed and shared with subcommittee and potential partners. 10-9-08 Reviewed questions generated at last meeting. Add: How does a site qualify as a summer lunch program? Can the program be mobile? Can it be other places besides churches or schools 12-11-08 Summer lunch programs sponsored by OLHSA in Pontiac were presented by Jerry Sedick. See notes at end of action agenda. Decision made to focus on further development of these programs	

				<p>immediately so that we can improve Oakland County coverage in 2009.</p> <p>1-8-08 Continued review of feasibility of increased summer lunch programs in Oakland County. Research regarding St. Paul Lutheran in northeast Pontiac reveals this will be a logical site that fulfills a need. Pam will connect Jerry Sedick to representatives of St. Paul and initiate discussions regarding this possible site. We will prioritize outreach to school districts/schools with greater than 50% receiving free and reduced lunches. Each committee member accepted outreach assignments. Summer lunch program manuals have not yet been received but training is planned for April, 2009. We will continue to focus on expansion of this needed program during our next meeting.</p> <p>2-12-09 Reported summer lunch program contacts and frustrations experienced. Set more realistic goal of adding 1 Pontiac site and one other county site this year. Sherea</p>	
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				may be able to help us in Royal Oak Township. Will continue to make contacts and promote this program.	
Lead # 6 BN/ES/CS1.B.3 -Convene a workgroup to develop recommendations regarding the feasibility of merging various resource manuals, such as Helplink, OLHSA, Youth Assistance manuals	Access to information Time Agency buy-in and information about how they update their systems	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	1/31/09	Provide recommendations to GSC-O Strategic Leadership.	
Lead # 3 BN/ES/CS1.B.4 - Research community resources in specific townships/municipalities	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	3/31/09	Communicate with townships/municipalities regarding their resource networks	
Strategy BN/ES/CS1.C: Assist early childhood services and support in connecting their information to the 211 Database.					
Supportive BN/ES/CS1.C.1 - Research the feasibility of developing a mechanism for inclusion in a separate resource database for those resources that do not meet criteria for inclusion in 211.	Access to information Time	211 Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	6/30/09	Report to Strategic Leadership on the feasibility of a mechanism for inclusion in a resource database those resources that do not meet criteria for inclusion in 211.	
Lead # 7 BN/ES/CS1.C.2 -Assist ineligible resources with becoming eligible for inclusion in 211.	Access to information Time	211 Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	Will provide guidance to ineligible resources that are identified during a two month period of the calendar year.	
Goal BN/ES/CS2: <i>Raise awareness of the need for more low income, subsidized, affordable, safe housing and advocate for additional affordable housing resources for families with young children.</i>					
Strategy BN/ES/CS2.A: Connect to other collaborative groups with housing goals.					
Lead # 1 BN/ES/CS2.A.1 -Identify	Access to	OCTH	12/31/08	One GSC-O member will	

and designate one Great Start member to represent the 0-5 population on the OCTH.	information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners		represent the 0-5 population on the OCTH. 10-9-08 Pam has meeting scheduled with OCTH chairperson 1-8-08 Pam has met with OCTH and will continue to gather information regarding housing systems in Oakland County 2-12-09 Pam made contact with Regional Housing group. Will provide regional plan.	
Lead # 9 BN/ES/CS2.A.2 -Work to understand the subsidized housing system and what is required to increase the Section 8 vouchers in Oakland County	Access to information Time	OCTH Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	Invite OCTH to participate in our meetings 10-9-08 Reviewed questions generated for Housing Commission Visitor. Added: How is it determined where a housing commission is located? Do the housing commissions work with banks and foreclosures to assist with housing needs? 12-11-08 Decision made to hold our work on this issue until after we have worked on the Summer Lunch Program	
Lead # 10 BN/ES/CS2.A.3 - Research the legislative and regulatory guidelines for subsidized housing in Oakland County	Access to information Time	MHSDA staff Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	Meet with MHSDA to discuss	

Goal BN/ES/CS3: *Raise awareness of the need for more transportation resources for very low income families with young children.*

Strategy BN/ES/CS3.A: Understand what other groups are doing to address this need.					
Lead # 8 BN/ES/CS3.A.1 - Understand the transportation issues that 2-1-1 has encountered in Oakland County	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff 2-1-1 Staff	3/31/09	Request 2-1-1 report on feedback received regarding transportation	
Lead # 4 BN/ES/CS3.A.2 - Understand transportation issues with GSC-O partners	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff GSC-O Partners	6/31/09	Meet with partners to discuss transportation issues and determine next steps	
Lead # 5 BN/ES/CS3.A.3 -Develop a research plan to better understand what others are doing to help Oakland County with transportation issues.	Access to information Time	Basic Needs Subcommittee GSC-O Staff Other Potential Partners	9/30/09	A report of what others are doing to help Oakland County with transportation issues will be available to Strategic Leadership. 10-9-08 Considered Survey Monkey questions generated lastg meeting. Added: Do you know of other transportation resources? What are they? Do you refer clients to services close to their homes? Is transportation considered for any referral? Have you had out of county transportation issues? Do you have estimates of how many miss appointments because of transporation issues? Do you know of school opportunities lost because of lack of transportation?	

Note: Testers for Fair Housing are needed. They work as mystery shoppers. See Chandra Jones if interested.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2009, 9:30-11:30 AM, Oakland County Child Care Council.