



Building a supportive community where children are born into healthy families and arrive at school ready to learn.

Coordinator's Report: July 2008

Highlights:

- ★ In June, the Prenatal Care Subcommittee held a Community Discussion with a group of doctors, health care professionals and community partners to ask for a commitment to work with us on the local issue of prenatal care. More than 30 people attended and 7 people joined the subcommittee.
- ★ Come learn about Working with Teen Parents at the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on July 11, at 5th Street Ext County Office Building, room B! Laurine Bennett-Moore with Teensght will present.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members begin to draft an action plan that will guide the community's activities for the identified priority of *Expanding programming and access to affordable, early care and education for children from birth through age 5, which meets an agreed upon minimum standard of quality.* We extended our next meeting to put ideas into action plan format.
- **Public Awareness:** Last month work group members modified a training manual draft for Partnership orientation on Partner programming and viewed a draft of our lobby DVD project. Next month we will set a goal for when to pilot the PFC orientations.
- **Family Support:** Last month work group members discussed the evaluation of the Literacy Kits. We added a question to our Brown Bag Lunch survey to inform our decision on how often to hold the events. Next month we will share information on how other entities get books into homes.
- **Parent Education:** Last month work group members finalized fall Saturday Parenting Workshop planning. Next month we will explore possible collaboration efforts to sustain a playgroup for Spanish speaking moms, an effort initiated by the Arc of the Piedmont's Infant Development Program.
- **Data Management:** Last month work group members made a proposal to the Partners group recommending significant changes to the data collection process and how we display data. This month we will prepare additional materials to share with Partners to further illustrate our vision.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Friday, 8/8, 9-12 p.m. @ 5th St. COB Rm. B
- Public Awareness: Monday, 7/14, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 7/24, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 7/22, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Friday, 7/25, 1:30-3 p.m. @ TJHD admin room