



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

## Coordinator's Report: June 2008

### Highlights:

- ★ On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Smart Beginnings Leadership Council held their third meeting.
- ★ The Prenatal Care Subcommittee is slated to meet with a group of doctors, health care professionals and community partners on June 24<sup>th</sup> to ask for a commitment to working with us on the local community issue of prenatal care.

### Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members met for information sharing. This month we will 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.*
- **Public Awareness:** Last month work group members discussed strategies for working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Smart Beginnings Leadership Council on Public Awareness. This month we will review a training manual draft for Partnership orientation on Partner programming.
- **Family Support:** Last month, we discussed the Literacy Kits project and identified areas for improvement; we reviewed data from Brown Bag Lunch discussions to inform our planning process. This month we will continue our work on Literacy Kits and send out invitations to the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on July 11, *Working with Teen Parents.*
- **Parent Education:** Last month, we reviewed Saturday Parenting Workshop data and began outlining fall workshop topics and speakers. This month we will complete Saturday Parenting Workshop planning and 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, we continued to refine our drafted layout for reporting Partnership data in a more user-friendly way. This month we will share a proposal with the Partners group that includes significant changes to the way we collect and display our data.

### Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Thursday, 6/26, 2:30-4 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 7/14, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 6/26, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 6/24, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Wednesday, 6/25, 12:30-2:30 p.m. @ TJHD