



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

## Coordinator's Report: August 2009

### Highlights:

★ Come discuss *Talking with Parents about Sensitive Topics* at the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on September 18, at 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ext County Office Building, room B! Our speaker is Maryfrances Porter with the Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families (CCF).

### Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** In August, workgroup members identified areas for follow up to the Charlottesville Day Care Center locations map and will be researching available continuing education in early childhood focused degrees. In September we will compile our research on continuing education and identify areas where we need help from the community to address the goals on our action plan.
- **Public Awareness:** In August workgroup members put a hold on their discussion about types of public awareness efforts and will solicit feedback from the Executive Committee on their outstanding questions. Members continued to make adjustments to the PFC Orientation schedule. In September, members will continue the discussion on external awareness and identify next steps for the work group.
- **Family Support:** In August, members continued discussing strategies to get families and children reading; we are drafting a list of books we'd like to have use as give-aways during home visits. Members continue to use the digital resource library of community resources and are sharing the resource with colleagues in human services agencies. In September, members will plan Brown Bag Lunch topics and speakers for 2010.
- **Parent Education:** In August, members heard updates from programs collaboratively serving Spanish speaking families, signed thank you cards for last year's Saturday Workshop Presenters. In September, members will review the Smart Beginnings Kiosks project and plan for future use of the kiosks.
- **Data Management:** In August, workgroup members reviewed feedback from a survey conducted of Partners about the effectiveness and usefulness of our Annual Analysis. In September we will analyze data submitted by Partners for 2008-09 to include in our Annual Analysis.

### Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 9/8, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 9/14, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS (116 West Jefferson Street)
- Family Support: Thursday, 9/17, 11-12:30 p.m. @ CHIP
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 9/22, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Friday 9/18, 9-10:30 a.m. @ CYFS (1000 E. High Street, Suite A)