



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

Coordinator's Report: October 2008

Highlights:

- ★ We are conducting our 4th annual Partnership Tool Survey and replies are due on October 22.
- ★ Come learn about Child Protective Services at the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on November 14, at 5th Street Ext County Office Building, room B! Lisa Johnson with Albemarle DSS will present.
- ★ The Prenatal Care Subcommittee continues to work on strategies to improve prenatal care rates for women in our community; they have a meeting slated for December 3, to meet with individuals from DMAS for discussion on an issue they identified about insurance providers and access to care locally.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members finished the majority of their action plan draft 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 will finalize the plan in October.
- **Public Awareness:** This month we begin our 3 part Partnership Agency Orientation pilot. Next month work group members will begin to evaluate results and hear an update about Smart Beginnings branding and efforts on public awareness.
- **Family Support:** Last month work group members began planning for 2009 Brown Bag Lunch sessions. Next month work group members will gather feedback from their agencies on the Literacy Kit evaluations (in lieu of a November meeting). In December we will look at the compiled feedback.
- **Parent Education:** Last month, we identified new locations for the next Parenting Kiosk rotation. Next month we will continue a discussion on advocating for parenting classes at middle/high schools.
- **Data Management:** Last month we finalized the outcome tables and drafted select Partner successes and challenges; we welcomed 3 new members! Next month we will review the draft of our 2007-08 Transitional Annual Analysis.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Thursday, 10/23, 3- 4:30 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 11/10, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 12/18, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA (November meeting cancelled)
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 10/28, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Thursday, 10/30, 1-3 p.m. @ CCF Conference Room (5th St COB)