



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

## Coordinator's Report: March 2009

### **Highlights:**

★ In February, the **Prenatal Care Subcommittee** had their final meeting with DMAS representatives; they are working on an MCO insert. The Health Department now chairs the new group, **Improve Pregnancy Outcomes (IPO)**. They meet on March 9 to continue strategic planning at the Health Department. The group will remain under the “umbrella” of the Partnership for Children. Quarterly reports on the progress of this group will be shared with Partners.

### **Work Group Updates:**

● **Early Care and Education:** In March work group members reviewed and agreed upon the action plan's assigned groupings of “low cost, low need;” “low cost, high need;” “high cost, low need;” “high cost, high need.” In the next month, members will prioritize the action steps within each grouping and in April will confirm the rankings and identify where to start working.

● **Public Awareness:** In March, work group members finalized the Partnership for Children orientation schedule and recommended implementing the trainings in the fall. Members will meet again in May to determine next steps for the work group.

● **Family Support:** In February, work group members met at CHIP's new office location and continued our discussion on getting books into the homes of our clients. We identified potential topics for upcoming Brown Bag Lunch discussions. In March, work group members will meet an Americore Volunteer who is going to help us to update the Home Visitor Resource Boxes.

● **Parent Education:** In February, reviewed the list of projects for 2009 and added to that list. They identified an interest in working together as a group to provide inter-agency parent meetings and/or groups to pool our limited resources. In March, we will continue our discussion on how to provide inter-agency parent meetings and/or groups that will meet the needs of the parents (as well as any agency reporting requirements).

● **Data Management:** In February the Annual Analysis (2007-08) was posted online! Print copies are limited; please visit: [http://www.ccfinfo.org/partnership/PDFs/pfc\\_annua\\_analysis\\_07\\_08.pdf](http://www.ccfinfo.org/partnership/PDFs/pfc_annua_analysis_07_08.pdf). In March work group members will reconvene to review the report and evaluate our next steps.

### **Upcoming work group meetings:**

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 4/14, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 5/11, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 3/19, 11-12:30 p.m. @ CHIP
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 3/24, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Tuesday, 3/31, 12:30-2 p.m. @ ACDSS (5<sup>th</sup> St. Ext. COB)