



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

## Coordinator's Report: January 2010

★ Come learn about *Working through a Housing Crisis* at the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on February 19th, at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Extended County Office Building in room B! Our speakers are Marnie Allen with MACAA Hope House and Barbara Foley with the Salvation Army Homeless Intervention Program. Come when you can between 12:30-2 p.m.; the presentation will start at 1 p.m.

★ Please save the date for our next Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on March 12 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Extended County Office Building in room B, 12:30-2 p.m.

### Work Group Updates:

● **Early Care and Education:** In January, members decided to put the development of the training calendar on hold. Watch the Partnership for Children's website for new links to be posted in February about available early childhood trainings, classes and workshops! In February members will continue discussing logistics for a public awareness event. We will also share ideas and talk about our action plan steps relating to child care subsidies.

● **Public Awareness:** Meetings for this workgroup are currently on hold. Please contact Lisa Godwin if you have questions about this workgroup.

● **Family Support:** In December, workgroup members helped Book Baskets to apply name labels to about 300 new books. Book Baskets is a nonprofit organization committed to making gifts of new and used books to local children who might not otherwise have many books of their own. We will meet again in February to work out logistics for a reading project and to identify future Brown Bag lunch topics.

● **Parent Education:** In January, members reviewed parenting materials from the Smart Beginnings Kiosks. They identified preferred topics to be able to request additional materials from Partner Agencies. Jefferson Area CHIP made a positive report about a collaborative playgroup they are conducting with Children, Youth & Family Services (CYFS) in Parks Edge and Southwood via the ParentingMobile. In February an online survey will be developed and conducted to help determine the best time and frequency for meetings, and to affirm and refocus workgroup efforts.

● **Data Management:** In December, workgroup members analyzed two tables of 2008-09 data to illustrate the anticipated content of future reports. Members will reconvene in February when a draft report is ready for review.

### Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 2/9, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Workgroup ON HOLD
- Family Support: Thursday, 2/18, 11-12:30 p.m. @ CHIP
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 2/23, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: February meeting date TBD