



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

Coordinator's Report: October 2009

Highlights:

- ★ The Partnership for Children submitted its FY11 funding application to the City and County.
- ★ In October, Partners completed the 5th annual *Partnership Self-Assessment Tool* questionnaire. The tool is used to assess how well our collaboration is working as well as to identify specific areas where we can focus our efforts to make improvements. Our response rate for this year was 65% (13/20); this year the survey was distributed more widely, giving us a lower rate of response than we have had in past years.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** In October, workgroup members updated our action plan and accomplishments. In November, members will review a compiled list of accomplishments and identify areas where we need help from the community to address the goals on our action plan.
- **Public Awareness:** Meetings for this workgroup are currently on hold. Please contact Lisa Godwin if you have questions about this workgroup.
- **Family Support:** In October, workgroup members helped to sticker about 600 books for Book Baskets and began planning Brown Bag Lunch topics and speakers for 2010. In November, members will prioritize topics for Brown Bag Lunch discussions for 2010.
- **Parent Education:** In October, workgroup members did not meet. In November, we will review the content of the kiosks as well as continue discussing and prioritizing ideas for future projects/strategies to pursue.
- **Data Management:** In October, workgroup members reviewed compiled data submitted by Partners for 2008-09; questions were drafted to solicit feedback from Partners prior to finalizing strengths and challenges for the Partnership for Children's Annual Analysis. In November, members will review responses and discuss our method for analyzing this year's data.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 11/10, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Workgroup ON HOLD
- Family Support: Thursday, 11/19, 11-12:30 p.m. @ CHIP
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 11/24, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Friday 11/13, 8:30-10 a.m. @ ACDSS, COB – 5th St Extended