



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

Coordinator's Report: September 2009

Highlights:

★ Come learn about *Teen Contraceptives and Birth Control Options* at the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on October 2nd, at the old McIntire County Office Building in room 235! Our speakers are Dyan Aretakis and Heather Payne from the Teen Health Center.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** In September, workgroup members reviewed continuing education options for the field of early care and education. Members are individually identifying areas where we need help from the community to address the goals on our action plan. In October we will update our action plan and identify next steps.
- **Public Awareness:** In September, workgroup members received an email with feedback from the Executive Committee that the group has been put 'on hold' while a decision is reached regarding the types of public awareness efforts to focus on. Members may be called upon by email for feedback on the PFC Orientation schedule and will reconvene when a decision is made about public awareness efforts.
- **Family Support:** In September, workgroup members were asked to provide email feedback in lieu of a meeting. In October we will sticker books for Book Baskets, continue our discussion on strategies to reinforce literacy and reading as well as begin planning Brown Bag Lunch topics and speakers for 2010.
- **Parent Education:** In September, members reviewed successes and challenges of the Smart Beginnings Kiosks project. In October 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 September, workgroup members met to analyze data submitted by Partners for 2008-09 to include in our Annual Analysis. Members agreed to divide up the remaining data and finish analyzing before our next meeting. In October we will finish data analysis and draft some recommended areas of strengths and challenges for the Partnership for Children's Annual Analysis.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 10/13, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Workgroup ON HOLD (see update above)
- Family Support: Thursday, 10/15, 11-12:30 p.m. @ CHIP
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 10/27, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Friday 10/6, 9-10:30 a.m. @ CYFS (1000 E. High Street, Suite A)