



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

Coordinator's Report: February 2009

Highlights:

★ As of 2009, the **Prenatal Care Subcommittee** will be chaired by the Health Department; new members will be invited and the group will rename itself. The new group met on *February 9* for strategic planning at the Health Department. The group will remain under the “umbrella” of the Partnership for Children. The former Prenatal Care Subcommittee will reconvene with DMAS representatives on *February 25, 1-2 p.m.* at the Health Department.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** In February we began prioritizing the steps in the overall action plan by cost and need (rated high or low). Work group members will submit individual responses which will be compiled. In March we will review and prioritize according to the groupings of “low cost, low need;” “low cost, high need;” “high cost, low need;” “high cost, high need.”
- **Public Awareness:** In January work group members reviewed a proposed schedule for holding regular Partnership Orientations was presented and members offered revisions. In March, the schedule will be updated to reflect suggestions and members will finalize the proposal.
- **Family Support:** In December work group members received the last of the Literacy Kit inventory and a revised survey; in January members agreed to submitting their survey results in May for group review. In February we will meet at CHIP's new office location to continue our discussion on getting books into the homes of our clients and our planning for Brown Bag Lunch discussion topics.
- **Parent Education:** In December, workgroup members identified a list of possible projects for 2009. In February we will review the list of projects for 2009 and identify group priorities to focus our work this year.
- **Data Management:** In December members made revisions to the Annual Analysis by email. In February the Annual Analysis (2007-08) was posted online! Print copies were limited, so please visit: http://www.ccfinfo.org/partnership/PDFs/pfc_annua_analysis_07_08.pdf.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 3/10, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 3/9, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 2/19, 11-12:30 p.m. @ CHIP
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 2/24, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Reconvening, meeting date/location TBA.