



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

## Coordinator's Report: May 2008

### Highlights:

★ In April 965 mini-kits (purchased with Smart Beginnings Infant Toddler funds) were distributed to Partner agencies that provide home visiting services.

### Work Group Updates:

● **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members met for their inaugural meeting and are enthusiastic about developing an action plan that will guide the community's activities for the identified community priority of *Expanding programming and access to affordable, early care and education for children from birth through age 5, which meets an agreed upon minimum standard of quality.* This month, members will meet for information sharing.

● **Public Awareness:** Last month, work group members began outlining a framework to pilot orientation trainings to orient new staff to services provided by the Partnership. This month we will hear about an initiative with the Chamber of Commerce and the Smart Beginnings Leadership Council.

● **Family Support:** Last month, new work group members met to discuss upcoming projects including reworking the Literacy Kits. This month we will view sample Literacy Kits as well as review data from Brown Bag Lunch discussions to inform our planning process.

● **Parent Education:** Last month, parent educational and resource materials for infants and toddlers collected were distributed via the Parent Kiosks at Thomas Jefferson Health District's WIC Clinic, Johnson Elementary School and Jefferson-Madison Regional Library! This month we will review Saturday Parenting Workshop data and begin to plan for fall workshops.

● **Data Management:** Last month, we began review of our drafted layout for reporting Partnership data in a more user-friendly way. We will recommend significant changes and our goal is to present a proposal to Partners in June.

### Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Thursday, 5/22, 2:30-4 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 5/12, 4-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 5/22, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 5/27, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Wednesday, 5/28, 1-2:30 p.m. @ TJHD