



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

## Coordinator's Report: January 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 will meet *February 9, 9-12 p.m.* for strategic planning at the Health Department. The group will remain under the “umbrella” of the Partnership for Children and the former Prenatal Care Subcommittee will reconvene with DMAS representatives on *February 25, 1-2 p.m.* also at the Health Department for follow up discussion; the efforts of both groups will be folded together.

### **Work Group Updates:**

- **Early Care and Education:** In December work group members heard a presentation from UVA students on best practices in Non-traditional child care. In January we will begin prioritizing our action plan steps for *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.*
- **Public Awareness:** In January work group members reviewed compiled survey results from the Partnership Agency Orientation pilot; 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, we identified a list of possible projects for 2009. In January, we will review that list of projects for 2009 and identify group priorities to focus our work this year.
- **Data Management:** In December members made revisions to the 2007-08 Annual Analysis draft by email. In January the report will be published and distributed and members will be reconvened.

### **Upcoming work group meetings:**

- Early Care and Education: Tuesday, 1/22, 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, 1/27, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Reconvening, meeting date/location TBA.