



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

Coordinator's Report: November 2008

Highlights:

- ★ Our 4th annual Partnership Tool Survey results are being compiled; our response rate was 75% (12).
- ★ The Prenatal Care Subcommittee continues to work on strategies to improve prenatal care rates for women in our community; they have a meeting slated for December 3, to meet with individuals from DMAS for discussion on an issue they identified about insurance providers and access to care locally.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members finalized their action plan that will guide the community's activities for the identified 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!* A brief presentation will be made to Partners in November.
- **Public Awareness:** Last month we completed our 3 part Partnership Agency Orientation pilot and heard an update about Smart Beginnings branding and efforts on public awareness. Next month work group members will evaluate final results from the Partnership Agency Orientation pilot.
- **Family Support:** Last month work group members agreed to gather feedback from their agencies on the Literacy Kit evaluations (in lieu of a November meeting). In December we will look at the feedback.
- **Parent Education:** Last month, we modified the spring schedule for Saturday Parenting Workshops and identified locations for the next Smart Beginnings Kiosk rotation. In December we will continue discussion on how to recognize our volunteer Saturday Parenting Workshop presenters.
- **Data Management:** Last month we oriented our new members and continued work on the 2007-08 Annual Analysis. We will review and finalize the 2007-08 Annual Analysis draft by email and reconvene after the report is published and distributed.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Wednesday, 12/3, 3:30-5 p.m. @ Malcolm Cole Child Care Center
- Public Awareness: Monday, 12/8, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 12/18, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA (November meeting cancelled)
- Parent Education: Monday, 12/8, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA (November meeting cancelled)
- Data Management: Reconvening in January 2009, meeting date/location TBA.