



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

Coordinator's Report: September 2008

Highlights:

- ★ This month we will conduct our 4th annual Partnership Tool Survey, replies are due on October 22.
- ★ A subgroup of Partner agency reps who receive Smart Beginnings grant funds met to discuss coordinating their local budget applications after the grant year ends. A second meeting is slated to review projected budgets and continue discussion on sustainability of grant initiatives.
- ★ The Prenatal Care Subcommittee has new members including individuals from UVa, Teen Health Center, and the Regional Perinatal Coordinating Council working with us on strategies to improve prenatal care rates for women in our community.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members finished half of an action plan draft 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.* Our goal is to finish the action plan in September.
- **Public Awareness:** Last month work group members finalized the Partnership Agency orientation evaluations. Next month we will begin our 3 part Partnership Agency Orientation pilot.
- **Family Support:** Last month work group members began a discussion on getting programming in our community that would help us get more books into homes with young children in conjunction with Literacy Kits. Next month we will develop an action plan for this strategy as well as plan for 2009 Brown Bag Lunch sessions.
- **Parent Education:** Last month, we reviewed and filled in remaining Parenting Kiosk schedule gaps. Next month we will identify new locations for the next Parenting Kiosk rotation.
- **Data Management:** Last month we collected Partner Agency outcomes and program information. Next month we will draft the 2007-08 Transitional Annual Analysis.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Friday, 9/26, 9- 12 p.m. @ 5th St. COB Rm. B
- Public Awareness: Monday, 10/13, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 9/18, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 9/23, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Wednesday, 10/1, 1:30-3 p.m. @ TJHD