

Early Childhood Planning Team

Meeting Minutes- November 5, 2008

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AGENDA

Welcome and sharing
Planning for November LCCCF Meeting Presentation
Updates:
 Child Care Workgroup
 Home Visiting Workgroup
Next meeting:
 Date/Time + Agenda?

SHARING

Nancy Bischofs Healthy Start enrolled **1st prenatal family**, referred by McKenzie-Willamette. Sacred Heart will be referring prenatal families too. Birth to Three hired a new Program Supervisor.
Community Advisory Board meeting will be: November 19, from 11:30am- 1pm upstairs in LCMH. Lunch will be served. Open to everyone. Advisory Board **requests help** with writing new analyses for 2009 + the cultural sensitivity review.

Jennifer Slater Infant-toddler surveys are in and we're waiting on data analysis.

Serafina Clarke **Childcare in the Courthouse** project: Would like all to pass on to families that this free service is available to people accessing the courthouse and other public services. It is partially funded by the Relief Nursery. A local law firm in Eugene has agreed to fund as well!
There was discussion around how the service is publicized. Currently people are referred through victim services, RN direct referral and brochures to other agencies.

Suggestions for other referral streams: Land Family Connections, DHS Nov. Foster parent newsletter. Staff to court house security to refer folks directly. Serafina asked group for **ideas on publicizing**. Also noted that a speaker can attend agency meetings and brochures are available.

- Sharri daSilva** **Brochures are available** for the RN: Courthouse in English & Spanish, in print + electronic. Sharri will email them to ECPT.
- Sue Norton** FYI: The LCC bond passed. Enrollment is up 15%. LFC is transitioning to doing services in Roseburg & Douglas County. Will hire 2 positions.
HS will start services on LCC campus on Dec. 1. Though they are almost full, they maintain an **active wait list**, and ask that agencies **refer families** who want to go to school. **EC Ed Dept evaluating current curricula** re: childcare... process takes a few years. Goals for revision: make it easier for the workforce to get back into training by increasing access for nontraditional students, increasing online classes, exploring options around credit by assessment for folks already in field, decreasing practicum requirements and creating a summer fast-track program.
DHS may have to reduce contracts & services for childcare they fund as state revenue down. On the horizon: **Dual-immersion (English/Spanish) preschool** in new site... meeting in partnership with Centro Latino to begin process.
- Cheryl Henderson** EC CARES has a cultural group which has identified **best practices** around dual-immersion and may have some useful information to share during planning process (re: above).
- Janece Chapman** Annual reviews with registered family homes begin after January. **Quality indicator program** is in effect in OR. A survey packet will go out to all centers and certified family homes statewide. Data will be gathered & sent to PSU for data review. The survey **looks at quality of childcare environments**... will put results online on voluntary basis re: each center.
- Sandy Moses** Invited all to attend: “**So we had a brain conference...now what?** A follow-up meeting to discuss and strategize.” Visit the Prevention website for more and to print a flyer.
www.lanecounty.org/prevention/braindevelopment/follow-up.htm
Back by popular demand: Prevention Services are hosting an introduction to the **40 Developmental Assets** training at the end of January. The training will take place in Serbu Youth Center, Carmichael room, and is limited to 75 people. Cost to attend is \$10 for food and materials.
ECPT discussion around the need for **strengths-based approaches** to be revisited in order to avoid a focus on risks.
The Prevention Website has links to local and national programs, as well as sources for **free downloadable handouts**, including Have a Healthy Home handouts. Please visit www.lanecounty.org/prevention and browse.

- Melissa Smith** ECPT & DCF folks + others are planning a training in the **Circle of Security** model for childcare providers, home visitors, and family support workers to take place **Sat., Apr. 4, 9-4 and Thurs. Apr.9, 9-1**. Our next planning meeting is: Monday, Dec. 1 at 9am, DCF Conference Room. Contact Melissa Smith (682-6785) if you are interested or would like to help.
Project Homeless Connect 2009: Save the date: March 6 at the Lane Events Center at the Fairground. Visit www.homelessconnect.org for more info.
- Heather Murphy** FRN will host a Night Divine fundraiser, a fashion night for moms & daughters on Nov. 13. Tickets are \$40. **Euphoria chocolates with FRN logo are being sold for the holidays. Update: This has been cancelled.**
The 2nd **Circle of Security** group in S. Lane has begun.
- Karen Hamilton** Head Start is gearing up for 160 new families starting in January. Currently in hiring process as well as finalizing plans to build facility on Fairfield elementary. The campus in Bethel School District will be up by Fall 09. There are 2 new classes at LCC and 4 at Bailey Hill elementary, both start in January. Will have openings at Whiteaker site as well. Waiting lists are based on need... point system prioritizes by need & risk. Please refer people.
- Shae Hardy** Doulas Supporting Teens has its' highest enrollment in its' 5 years of existence. DST is conducting outreach to schools for its **teen parenting program**. Working to **expand outreach to rural areas** of S. Lane County, such as Cottage Grove. Grants have been submitted, waiting for results.
Heather Murphy added that the FRN teen center in CG has 14 teen parents who are in need of services right now.
- Karen Roth** **Cans for Carriers Who Care food drive** will be the 1st 2 weekends in December, countywide. It's one of biggest food drives they have. 2009 child nutrition programs are up for federal reauthorization. Karen's on the statewide advisory board for recommendations to this program **invites input & suggestions** to pass on.
- Rose Wilde** Announced events for November: Trauma Healing Project event on trauma, systems, & institutions, Nov. 17. Day-long workshop on public health & community health assessment, Nov. 19.
Ophelia's place, Girls Rule Fair, Mar. 14. A free event for older girls, parent & daughter pairs. Will include workshops, positive youth development, & connecting to community resources, services, & activities. Includes lunch. @ LCC.
Oregon Teen Pregnancy prevention task force, also support teen parents, and is member of HOPE coalition is looking at refocusing on teen parents due to rise in teen pregnancy. Wants to raise awareness within ECPT. **Possible to put on ECPT agenda next time?**
- Elaine Bryson** FRC's of Lane County's **sustainability plan** is almost done. Exploring developing a county advisory committee to help maintain FRC's as a network. Mo Young of

DCF is the new PSC may be new staff person working with FRC's.
Runaway/homeless youth is also her focus.

Terra Roth **Oregon Safety Model training** for community partners re: new approach to DHS cases for all partners who work with child welfare & clients. Sessions on Dec. 11 & Dec. 17. See attached flier for details. Limited to around 100... but can do another if there's a need.

Sharri daSilva Annual Children's hour coming up, offering free breakfast! Good time to find out about Eugene RN in services and its' vision for Springfield expansion. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:30-8:30.

PLANNING for JOINT MTG. W/ LC CCF

History 2008: There were presentations from several people regarding specific project successes, updates on needs of children and gaps in Lane County services.

Date/Location Wednesday, November 19, 2009. 5:30-7:30. Head Start, Whiteaker.

Discussion Group identified collaboration as a key theme that we would like to present. We would like to highlight project successes and individual stories: Put a human face on the focus issues.
Emphasize why to have an ACTIVE relationship between ECPT & CCF. Help them to see us as source of wisdom re: EC issues.
Show how our community partnerships work to address CCF priorities:

1. Reduce child maltreatment
2. Improve childcare quality
3. Transitional aged youth

Combine this message with highlighting our membership in order to connect identified priorities with what is actually happening... what we do.
Group discussed the need to have visual aids and/or handouts.
Another goal for the meeting is to talk about economic changes that impact service availability and need. Highlight issues that are relevant to CCF decision-making, especially re: upcoming funding cuts.
Discussed other logistical details and tentative agenda:

AGENDA

Quick overview of ECPT mission

Active relationship with CCF

Successful collaborations over last year

 Include focus on Economic impact of collaborations, report, etc.

 Choose 5 or 6 specific.

 DST would like to present. Collaborate with DHS+ Healthy Start.

 Quantitative outcomes handout.

Ask for feedback on how to give ongoing info.

Questions.

Give sheet of talking points for CCF members to talk to community

EMAIL SUGGESTIONS to Nancy, including stories & collaborations.

Next Meeting Dec. 3rd 9am to 11:00 am at Lane County Mental Health Room 198

Debrief CCF/ECPT meeting and follow up

Update focus areas of home visiting and child care

Others?