



Together For Kids and Families

Parent Education & Family Support Work Group Meeting Summary Thursday, February 12, 2015

Welcome & Introductions

Kelly Medwick welcomed attendees.

In person: Jenni Auman, Amy Bornemeier, Rayma Delaney, Tonia Durden, Jaci Foged, Sharon Johnson, Charlie Lewis, Kim Texel, Joan Luebbers, Mary Shada, Tiffany Mullison, Connie Shockley, Cara Small,

On phone: Becky Hansen, Kelly Medwick, Maria Nelson, Mark Smith

Review Meeting Summary from August 14, 2014

The Meeting Summary was accepted as presented. Kelly reminded the group of our new agenda style – schooling, sharing, and strategizing.

SCHOOLING

Implementation of the Early Childhood Systems of Care Assessment Tool, Tonia R. Durden, Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies, UNL. Tonia shared the process, data, and recommendations from the report. The purpose of the project was to administer the Early Childhood Systems of Care Assessment Tool, convene stakeholders, administer Parent Survey, compile results and make recommendations based on the data.

Areas parents perceived as high priority and low awareness included: identifying quality child care, parenting classes or education, respite, and mental health services. Phase 2 of the report included recommendations for each of the 3 communities [Lancaster, Lincoln, Douglas Counties] and included an over sampling of minority populations.

SHARING

- ECCS
 - Tiffany reported Year 2 of a 3 year funding cycle began on August 1, 2014. The federal grant is moving forward with the Toxic Stress Steering Committee and dissemination of the CD-ROMs developed by A4F.
- April activities for Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - Kelly shared Nebraska efforts will mirror those on national level. A public event is scheduled for Lincoln on April 18 at the Rail Yard, 10am-1pm. Last year's event was a huge success. Local child abuse prevention councils across the state will have similar messaging materials – Pinwheels for Prevention.

- Recharge for Resiliency conference
 - Jenni and Amy reported the conference was attended by over 350 people. Evaluations from attendees were very positive. The conference planning committee is interested in making this an annual event.
- A4F website and responsive web design
 - Charlie shared A4F staff were interested in revamping the site to include responsive web design to improve viewer's ability to quickly locate information.
- Home Visiting Partnership Update
 - Jenni shared the HVP was supported with MIECHV funding and the contract has ended. Stakeholders have met several times to discuss the purpose of the HVP and how to continue convening statewide systems partners and front line home visitors.
 - Stakeholders felt there was value to convening the group and value in the monthly newsletter.
- Home Visiting Training Modules
 - Florida has expressed interest in the Home Visiting Training Modules developed by A4F.
 - Zero to Three wants to write an article on the modules

STRATEGIZING

- Work Group Specific Project Ideas generated by the group included:
 - Promoting the A4F website or putting funds toward the revamp of the site.
 - Examining how families access information and determining how families prefer to access information
 - Exploring a 'lander' which is a one-time development fee and then has an on-going maintenance fee and would help in determining key words and searches.
 - Developing materials to help families determine what quality child care looks like – or promoting materials already developed [Step Up to Quality, NAEYC, and NDE].
 - Kelly suggested the group have a demonstration of a 'lander' at the April meeting and continue to brainstorm suggestions in the interim.
- Future agenda items
 - NRSS website walk through
 - Existing avenues of parent education and resources for families to receive support – how are family's getting the information they need and is the source reliable, accessible, best practice, and health literate
 - Evidence based, best practice models at the community level [Emily Kluver]
 - Alternative Response update – invite Tracy Gordon and Amy Bornemeier to talk about this initiative to prevent entry of families into the system.

2015 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at the Sharp Building on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30pm.

April 23

June 25

August 13

October 8

December 10