



Together For Kids and Families

## Parent Education & Family Support Work Group Meeting Summary

Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 1:30-3:30pm

### Welcome & Introductions

Attendees and callers were welcomed.

### Attendees

Sue Bochart, Amy Bornemeier, Kristine Luebbe, Meghan Malik, Misti McInteer, Kelly Medwick, Tiffany Mullison, Connie Shockley, Mark Smith, and, Serena Reeves.

### Review Meeting Summary from February 13, 2013

Meghan asked Pat Jarvis be changed to Kat Jarvis; no other changes.

### Review & Update Work Plan

- Amy provided a history of Strategy 3 and home visiting. Strategy 3 was removed from the work plan when the federal MIECHV dollars came to Nebraska.
- Group members were all in support of putting Strategy 3 back on the work plan and connecting with the reconvened Home Visiting Partnership [HVP]. Several on this work group also are involved in the HVP.
- Mark asked how we will insert messages on toxic stress – the new focus of our federal award
- Increase Family to Family matching as a dissemination and support strategy. This is in formative phase. Parent to parent activities are limited, and disability based. This would be a great goal and a lot of work.

### Member Updates

- **Respite**
  - Sibshops Training in June. It is an event for siblings of special needs children. Children ages 5-16 gather to share their experiences in a safe place, surrounded by peers who can relate to having a sibling with special needs. Misti shared this opportunity will be offered in other communities. Sue is on the planning committee, registrations are being accepted.
  - Misti has been working on outreach to Spanish speaking families. She has been working with EDN's Spanish speaking home visitor, accompanying on home visits to help explain the availability of respite services.
  - Parents Encouraging Parents training in GI, Respite did outreach with parents.
  - Brain injury conference in Omaha, Respite was present.
  - Take A Break in Lincoln is starting a parent support group. The group is open to all parents; child care for TAB children and older children is available.

- **Home Visiting**
  - Sixpence – March 1<sup>st</sup> marks the date 700 infants/toddlers will be served by the program. See attached map or visit [www.ecclink.org](http://www.ecclink.org) to see the statewide map of services.
  - MIECHV – planning committee has been formed. They are looking at a Home Visiting Summit, date October 30, 2014.
  - Home Visiting Partnership – next meeting May 1, 2014, 1-4pm
  
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month activities**
  - Pinwheels for Prevention, Nebraska Child & Families Foundation
  - Prevent Child Abuse America will host events on a national level.
  - Contact Kelly to sign up for her email updates. NCAP Board, DHHS, and local councils across the state will be hosting community events on Child Abuse Prevention. The pinwheel is to symbolize the positive spin on parenting and the happy childhood every child deserves.
  - Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Will Scott, board member of NCAPF Board, is hosting an event at the Railyard in Lincoln.
  - Pony Express Ride, Nebraska Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, rides across the state to celebrate the monthly.

**Available Resources**

- ***The Right Place: How to Locate Child Care in Your Area*** pocket size booklets in English and Spanish have been revised. DHHS staff can order EA-PB-6; others can contract Diane Lewis at [diane.lewis@nebraska.gov](mailto:diane.lewis@nebraska.gov) to order.
- ***Making Meaningful Connections: 2014 Resource Guide*** manuals are available for dissemination during Child Abuse Prevention Month this April. Identified audiences include child welfare, child advocacy centers, public health agencies, child care centers, therapists. Tiffany has bulk quantities available.

**Meeting Information for 2014**

The group noted future meeting dates for 2014: June 12, August 14, October 9, and, December 11  
Misti and Sue will report out on Sibshops in August.