

**Butler County
Child & Family Development Task Force
February 20, 2008**

VISION STATEMENT

The Butler County Child and Family Development Task Force, with community support, ensure quality, available, and affordable childcare, early childhood education, children's health services and family support for all children in Butler County.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees (12 total): Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Marla Canfield, ECAAP; Sue Sommers Barrientos, BCC EduCare; Leslie Sissel, Rose Hill Parents as Teachers; Kris Nicholson, KACCRRRA/WAGES; Jill Morrow, Bright Beginnings; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Jamie Jellison, BCC EduCare; Luann McFadden, Bright Beginnings; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Kathlene Medlin, Mid-CAP Head Start;

Introductions & Announcements: Audra welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves. The year's schedule and this month's agenda were distributed. Audra read the letter from the Bradford Memorial Library acknowledging the task force donation of \$78, collected last month. The library purchased books on CD for children with vision impairments. They purchased Hatchet, by Gary Paulsen; two collections of Junie B. Jones books; and two collections of the Magic Tree House books for a total of 33 books on CD.

Calendar for 2008: The calendar for this year's meeting was handed out. Audra will email the calendar along with the minutes to the task force members. *Reminder: There will be no meeting in March.*

Guest Presenter: Marcy Cone, the Early Childhood Coordinator in the Outreach Division of Child Start gave a brief description of the program and provided us with a copy of Crib Notes. She also provided us with a pamphlet for Growing with Children and Director's Chair Conferences which will be held on March 8. Child Start offers trainings for child care centers and homes, technical assistance (arranging classrooms), KQRS Coaches, and Infant/Toddler Specialists in 11 counties. Child Start is located in the lower level of Parklane Shopping Center.

Strategic Planning Work: We stayed in one group for the strategic planning. We discussed the details, dates, and individuals involved in each task. Audra will make the changes to the Strategic Plan work sheet and email it to the group with the new dates included on the document.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 from 11 – 1 pm at USD 490's Central Office at 124 W. Central in El Dorado. There is a community parking lot in the rear of the building. Audra will send a reminder email in April. Please bring your own lunch. Guest Presenter will be Marla Canfield from ECAAP; she will speak on the apprenticeship program.

Note: If you or someone you know would like to be added to the mailing list for the Butler County Child & Family Development Task Force, please email Audra Kenneson at akenneson@rui.org