



**Butler County Child & Family Development
Task Force
May 20, 2009**

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 (19 total):

Angie Baur, Community Foundation of Greater Butler County; Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Barb Roths, Butler County Extension; Debbie Mai, Rainbows United; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jill Morrow, Bright Beginnings; Jodi Evans (via Substitute), YMCA; Kathy Gann, Children's Mercy; Kathy Van Zelfden, Smart Star; Luann McFadden, Bright Beginnings; Jackie Tanner, Child Start; Marla Canfield, ECAAP; Sarah Linn, Rainbows United, Inc; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Teresa Thompson, BCC Early Childhood Lead Instructor; Teresa Leonard, Bradford Memorial Library; Darla Carter, Family Life Center Safehouse; Dee Ziegert, Children's Mercy (Guest Speaker)

Introductions & Announcements:

Audra welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

- Audra handed out the May Rainbows Reader. Dental Clinic to be held in June – Flyers handed out. Butler Dads will be having the first "Our Time: Dad and Me" event on the Saturday before Father's Day at El Dorado and Augusta Libraries.
- Candida brought flyers and talked about Shooting for the Stars event held by SCMHC on May 30 at the El Dorado Rec. Center. They plan to have a therapeutic preschool and open it in the fall. They've secured a location in El Dorado.
- Teresa Leonard said that their webpage is up and running (and they are twittering, too!). Information to post on their webpage can be sent to bmilbadm@eldoks.com. Their websites are <http://twitter.com/libofeldoys> and <http://bradford.mykansalibrary.org>. (Audra has added the library's website to the www.butlerkids.org site.)
- Kathy Gann reminded us of the "Need a Ride" program and handed out pamphlets. Only about 5% of their members use this service. She also passed out a FAQ card. She encourages everyone to check out their website (posted on www.butlerkids.org) and sign up for the email newsletter!

Guest Presenters:

- Dee Ziegert – Asthma Education Coordinator, Children's Mercy: Dee is a respiratory therapist. She provided us with a handout of a power point presentation and several handouts regarding asthma. People miss school and work because of Asthma. Asthma impacts health care costs. Dee discussed the four components of Asthma control: assess

and monitor, medication, education, and triggers. More information can be found at www.fhp.org/asthma.

Smart Start and Early Childhood Block Grant Update:

- Scholarships and Supplements
 - We will be giving out the 10th scholarship after today's advisory meeting. We have budgeted for 20. We will be giving out the third of three Special Needs Grants and the third of seven Infant Care Supplement Grants.

2009 Schedule, Where can YOU help?

We are still working on filling out the schedule, but we are getting it complete. It was recommended that maybe we could have Sue Barrientos report on what the BEST Team is doing. Audra will ask Sue.

Fatherhood Initiative:

Mark was unable to attend, so Audra reported for him. Saturday, June 20 in El Dorado and Augusta there will be an activity at the libraries that focus on children and their dad (granddad, uncle, etc). The event is called "Our Time: Dad and Me." Audra handed out flyers.

Visioneering Update:

Debbie gave an update about the Visioneering B – K Alliance. The group is going through change. As we discussed last month, the Chamber is no longer contracting with the Self Help Network. We are currently discussing how we will move forward.

Early Head Start:

Debbie reported that the RFP for the Early Head Start grant has come out. We will be applying. We will be one of two applying for start up funds in Kansas. There are others who are asking for expansion money. We will be having a meeting on June 2 at 11:00 – 1:00. Location TBA.

Other:

Susan let us know that the Part C Grant was submitted and turned in. At the end of June, the semi-annual report is due. They report all screenings that take place in the community for children ages 0 – 3. Susan asks that people let her know of any screenings they do (hearing, vision, health, dental, social/emotional). She would like to report what screenings are available in the community.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17 from 11 am – 1 pm Bradford Memorial Library in El Dorado. Please bring your own lunch. Guest presenter will be Angie Baur – from the Community Foundation of Greater Butler County.

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