



**Butler County Child & Family Development
Task Force
December 16, 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 (15 total):

Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Barb Roths, Butler County Extension; Brandi Smith, SCMHCC Preschool; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jill Morrow, Bright Beginnings; Kathlene Maness, Mid-CAP Head Start; Leslie Sissel, Parents-As-Teachers; Luann McFadden, Bright Beginnings; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Mark Wirth, First Church of the Nazarene (Butler Dads); Marla Canfield, ECAAP; Susan Duncan, EduCare; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Suzi Thien, SCARF; Lori Daly, South Central Mental Health Counseling Center.

Introductions & Announcements:

Audra welcomed the group.

- Audra/Jamie – Incredible Years class is going well.
- Jamie – The health department staff will be giving H1N1 shots at schools today – Bluestem and Douglass.
- Marcy – Starting in January, an “I” will be added to KQRS – so it will be Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (KQRIS).

Guest Presenters:

- Sue Barrientos, EduCare – BEST TEAM: Sue was ill and was not present to give us an update on the BEST team.

Smart Start Grant Information:

The Children's Cabinet has notified us that they will release the Butler County Smart Start RFP to The United Way of the Plains, who will be the fiscal agent for Grant Year 2010. Audra and Jane have been working on the grant and will provide this information to the United Way of the Plains staff. We have taken information give to us from the Task Force, Parents of young children, Providers of early child care, and partners from our Butler County communities and have made changes we believe will satisfy the desires of these groups. We are not certain, at this time, when the RFP will be released or when the grant will be due. However, when the grant is turned in, our partners will be notified. We will report on any new information at our next

meeting in January. Partners stated that they would like to offer letters of support for the program to continue as it is, if it is necessary.

Other

There was no other business to discuss.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20 from 11 am – 1 pm Bradford Memorial Library in El Dorado. Please bring your own lunch. A guest presenter has not yet been identified.

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

Minutes written by Audra Kenneson, LMSW
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