



**Butler County Child & Family Development  
Task Force  
June 16, 2010**

**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 (18 total):**

Angie Baur; Community Foundation of Greater Butler County; Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Darla Carter, Family Life Center Safehouse; Debra Mattingly, SRS – El Dorado; Jackie Tanner, Child Start; Jodi Evans, Andover YMCA; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kris Nicholson, KACCRRRA; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Marla Canfield, ECAAP; Sue Barrientos, BCC Early Education Dept; Susan Duncan, BCC EduCare & Grandparent/Guardian; Suzi Thien, SCARF; Clairissa Maddy, Child Start; Yaney Uphoff, Rocko, Inc; Tanya Lynn, Smart Start. Guest: Margo Lylton, SRS – Hutchinson.

**Introductions & Announcements:**

Audra welcomed the group.

- Darla – A community partnership is forming that will work to build the capacity of area agencies by matching needs to resources. They have three goals, but one is to work to partner non profits with opportunities. Their first speaker will be Pat Hanrahn of the United Way of the Plains. The meeting will be July 19 from 11 to 1 at the new Welcome Center on BCC's Campus. More information will be provided by Darla, Suzi and others who are working on the project.
- Angie – the foundation has moved to 200 S. Main in El Dorado. They are sharing offices with Leadership Butler.
- Audra – An Incredible Years class will start on Tuesday, July 6 in Benton. Audra will send a pdf file of the flyer. Please distribute to any and all who may be interested.
- Kandi – Any agencies wishing to register with 211 as an agency for volunteers can do so by calling the United Way of the Plains at 267.1321 (ask for Becky Springer) or go to the website. You do not have to receive United Way funding to be listed. Non profit and For profit with a sliding scale fee may register.

**Guest Presenters:**

- Marcy Cone, Clairissa Maddy, and Jackie Tanner – Child Start - KQRIS: In Butler County, 28 classrooms receive Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (KQRIS), all paid for by Smart Start. Those classrooms are in 4 centers and 4 licensed child care homes. Participating programs receive an initial rating and then coaching to help them raise the quality of the program so their rating will improve. Then raters come in from KACCRRRA (not the coach) and do ratings to determine how many stars (up to 5) have been earned. This is the first year that KACCRRRA is advertising the star rating of the programs. Child Start is the resource and referral agency for this area. If a family is looking for child care, they can call Child Start, give them information about their needs (shift of child care needed, ages of children, town, etc), the family will receive a print out of

programs that will fit their need. If one of the programs printed participates in KQRIS, the star rating will also be given to the family. Currently, they are working on a web program that will provide photos of the participating programs to go along with the other information shared with families. For more information you can contact Child Start by calling 316.682.3962 or going to the website at [www.childstart.org](http://www.childstart.org).

**Butler Dads:**

The Augusta and El Dorado “Dad and Me” events went well. Next weekend is Andover and the following weekend is at Rose Hill. We are hearing positive feedback from those who have attended!

**Visioneering Birth – K Alliance – Sue Barrientos:**

We sent a letter requesting that Butler County receive a vote if Sue is unable to attend, recommending that Debbie or Audra be allowed to vote in her absence. At a recent meeting of the B – K Alliance, it was discussed in depth. The outcome is that each county would have one vote and each agency at the table would have one vote. If Sue can attend, Sue will vote for the County and she will also have a vote for her agency (BCC). Audra will vote for our ICC if Sue is unable to attend. Agencies who are allowed to vote must have been in attendance at 50% of the meetings for the previous 12 months.

**Child Care Provider Professional development Day – Saturday, July 24 – Sue Barrientos:**

As a fundraiser for EduCare, this full day of health/safety training will be provided free of charge to child care providers. Wonderful Door Prizes as well as a \$100 stipend for each program in attendance. Attendees will enroll on TRAIN and do an evaluation before they are given their certificate and stipend. Audra and Jamie Downs are helping EduCare work on this project. Audra will be contacting the group to find out who wants to have a booth at the event.

**Other**

None

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21 from 11 am – 1 pm Bradford Memorial Library in El Dorado. Please bring your own lunch. Our guest presenter will be Brandi Smith from South Central Mental Health Counseling Center’s Social Stars 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](mailto:akenneson@rui.org)*

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