



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 For Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Attendees (22 total):

Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Barb Roth, Butler County Extension; Darla Carter, Family Life Center Safehouse; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jennifer Stanyer, The ARC of Butler County; Jill Morrow, Bright Beginnings; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kathy Gann, Children's Mercy; Kris Nicholson, KACCRRRA; Leslie Sissel, Rose Hill Parents as Teachers; Luann McFadden, Bright Beginnings; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Mark Wirth, Butler Dads; Marla Canfield, ECAAP; Sue Barrientos, BCC Early Education Dept; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Suzi Thien, SCARF; Teresa Thompson, BCC Early Education & BCCEACE; Laney Uphoff, Rocko, Inc. Guests: Becky Wolfe, Leadership Butler; Carole Sampson; Nancy Olson, Butler County Special Education.

Introductions & Announcements:

Audra welcomed the group.

- Kris – Jamie Jellison received her Bi-State Credential! Two in the state were given and Jamie's was one of them. Congrats, Jamie!
- Darla – The Kids Safe after-school program through the Safehouse for 9 year olds – high school age. September 4 at Southerland's is the 3rd annual car show that benefits the safehouse. For more information contact Darla at the Safehouse. 321.7104 or safe.house@flc.kscoxmail.com
- Suzi – The Nonprofit Chamber of Service is having Executive Director Survivor Session on September 8 at Bradford Memorial Library. 32 people have signed up. For more information contact Suzi313.4107 or suzi.thien@sunlight.kscoxmail.com
- Marcy – Marcy brought new Crib Notes for us. Flyers are being sent to providers for Safe Sleep training on September 2 and an Autism class on October 9. For more information contact Child Start 682.1853 ext. 302.
- Teresa – BCCAACE, the student organization, is starting up again. Membership is open to ANY early childhood professional. They meet once per month and tour facilities. They helped with the Professional Development day and have done other activities to promote early childhood education. For more information contact Teresa at 323.6845 or tthompson@butlercc.edu

- Kathy – Kathy brought applications and brochures for Health Wave for anyone who needs more. Free Week at the Y will be September 1 – 7. They will, again, have the booth at the state fair where they will give away a free bike every day. The Kansas Health Policy Authority made an announcement about how they're dealing with back log of applications that need approved. They have a way to go before they are caught up, but they are making great strides! Wichita Community Baby Shower – a resource fair for new/expecting parents – will be on October 16. For more information on the baby shower, you can go to www.wbabyshower.blogspot.com
- Jamie – Butler County's baby shower went very well. 60 showed up. They have a Cribs for Kids program – a Pack & Play is provided for moms who cannot afford or do not have a crib/playpen that is safe for their child. Schools are now requiring 2 chicken pox vaccines – the health department has them for free! For more information about what the health department offers, call 321.3400.
- Susan – Her church did the annual clothing give-away. They had people lined up 45 minutes early outside the church. They had over 200 people come and they ran out of clothing. They were particularly short on clothing for little boys. She will let us know when they start collecting next year, and they thank everyone who donated this year.
- Kandi – Handed out 211 cards and magnets.
- Leslie – The B – 5 Summit is in Junction City on September 30. Leslie went last year and found it to be informative.
- Audra – had several announcements
 - Get to know your SRS at the local office (410 N. Haverhill) on September 8 from 10 to Noon. There will be a media presentation every 20 minutes and the information booths are set up for visiting throughout the morning. For more information contact the SRS office in El Dorado. 321.4200.
 - Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference in Salina on September 8. Registration is \$30. To learn more, or to register, go to <http://www.ksmethpreventionproject.org/deconference.htm>
 - The Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect will be in Wichita on November 3 – 5. Cost of training depends on how many days one registers to attend. For more information, or to register, go to: https://www.kcsl.org/training_conference.aspx
 - The Parent Leadership Conference will be in Topeka on October 1 – 2. For more information, or to register, go to: <http://kpirc.org/posts/40>
 - KAEYC annual conference in Manhattan will be on October 23. Several local partners will be presenting at this conference. <http://www.kaeyc.net/>

Guest Presenters:

- Kris Nicholson - KACCRRRA: KACCRRRA has a new name – Child Care Aware of Kansas. They are piloting the name with Missouri. Kris does the T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE\$ programs.
 - T.E.A.C.H. – In KS since 2000. Goal to improve quality of early childhood profession. It is a scholarship to workers in licensed programs and encourages them to work toward an associates or bachelors degree. It is a scholarship program. There are funding limitations on this program – SRS funded it in the

past and those funds were reduced. We have some in Butler County who are funded through some SRS funding.

- WAGE\$ - In KS since 2001. This program goes hand-in-hand with TEACH and is to help programs keep quality people in the programs where they work. It is a Salary Supplement program. The amount of funds received by the participant is based on the level of education they have achieved. People must continue moving toward a degree if they want to remain on the program. In Butler County the WAGE\$ program is sponsored by the Smart Start program.
- For more information about TEACH, WAGE\$, or any other KACCRRRA/Child Care Aware of KS program, you can contact Kris at kris@kaccrra.org

Lexi's Law Meeting – Jamie:

On July 1 the law changed that requires several new changes to the child care licensure in KS. (A high school diploma, or equivalent, is required; licensure is required, with registered no longer being an option; fee changes; etc.) Jamie and Audra have had several phone calls and requests for more information. On August 30 at the Health Department there will be an information meeting from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm sponsored by the Health Department and Smart Start. We currently have 38 people registered for this meeting. For more information, or to register, contact Jamie at 321.3400 or jdowns@bucoks.com or Audra at 320.1342 or akenneson@rui.org.

Greater Butler County Campus-Community Partnership – Suzi/Darla:

They had their second meeting on Monday. Marv Louks talked. They are a group of non-profit partners. They will meet the 3rd Monday of every month from 11 to 1 to share information and learn about other agencies. Meetings are held at the new building at the college. Audra will begin to forward emails about the partnership meetings to the Task Force email list, so that everyone who wants that information can get it.

Smart Start/Early Childhood Block Grant state meeting report:

Applications for 2011 Smart Start and ECBG - RFP will be in September (They're thinking 9/1/10). Smart Start will be due October 30 and ECBG will be due October 15. They are looking at operating them as two separate grants for this next year. At the end of next year, they are looking at combining them into one grant and opening them up to competition for the 2012 grant year. This year, they are adding a signature page to the ECBG grant, so that there is truly a commitment from community partners. Community partners are important when we go through the legislative process. We will keep you posted as we write the grants and let you know when it is submitted. Audra has received feedback throughout the year from partners, providers, and families and that information is helpful as we write the grants and the grant reports.

Upcoming Trainings for Child Care Providers Sponsored by Smart Start:

- CPR and First Aid trainings – September 11 in El Dorado and November 13 in Augusta
- Mandated Reporting/Child Abuse and Neglect – September 28 El Dorado
- Sensory Workshop – October 9 – Location not yet determined
- November – Conscious Discipline – El Dorado

Strategic Planning –

Leadership Butler will be working with us to prepare for the Strategic Planning meeting on October 20. They will facilitate that meeting. We expect the meeting to be held from 9 am to 2 pm with lunch being provided. Sue will help us book a room at the new BCC Building. As soon as the location is nailed down, Save the Date invitation cards will go out.

Other

None

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 15 **AT ROSE HILL** from 11 am – 1 pm. Please bring your own lunch. Our guest presenter will be Leslie Sissel – Rose Hill Parents as Teachers 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

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