



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, November 16, 2011

Location: Bradford Memorial Library – El Dorado, KS

Attendees (14 total):

Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Becky Hadicke, SRS; Darla Carter, Family Life Center Safehouse; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jodi Evans, Andover YMCA; Juanita Newberry, CDI Head Start; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kathy Van Zelfden, Smart Start; Leslie Sissel, Parents as Teachers; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Sue Barrientos, BCC Early Childhood & EduCare; Suzi Thien, Sunlight Children's Advocacy and Rights Foundation; Tamara Bernard, Smart Start; Teresa Thompson, BCC Early Childhood.

Introductions & Announcements:

- Marcy – Marcy brought Handouts from Child Care Aware: The Great Outdoors - Guidelines and tips for playing and learning outdoors (see handouts), Child Care Aware bookmark with new Resource and Referral information on it (see handouts), Core Competencies for Early Childhood and Youth Development Professionals (a pdf of the core competencies can be found at http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/provider_corecomp.html). Additionally, we were given the Who Cares for Kansas Children 2010 Kansas Child Care Workforce Profile and the Child Care Profile (found at http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/community_data.html). The Butler County stats were also given and are attached in the handouts file.
- Darla - When Darla gave the presentation last week she talked about the teen dating violence problem. She brought a flyer for a 1 ½ hour presentation that they do (see handouts). This training can be done for teens and adults who work with teens. For more information contact Darla at 321.7104 or safe.house@flc.kscoxmail.com.0020

Guest Presenter:

Susan Gardner – Bethlehem House: Susan is ill today and unable to present. We hope she feels better soon. We will invite her back in 2012 to talk with us about Bethlehem House.

Head Start Grant – Child Start

An email from Glenda Wilcox earlier this week stated that Child Start has not yet heard about who has been awarded the Head Start Grant for this area.

Butler Community College Association of Early Childhood Educators (BCCAECCE) Update – Teresa Thompson

An inservice event was held on Sunday, where they had 45 providers in attendance learning about Safe Slumber; Audra Kenneson was the trainer. BCCAECCE now has 60 members. Membership is open to more than just BCC students; they encourage providers from the area to participate in the group. They will have their annual Christmas Party on December 4. For more information about BCCAECCE or about BCC's Early Childhood Program, Teresa can be reached at tthompson@butlercc.edu.

Smart Start & Early Childhood Block Grants – Audra

Thank you to everyone who assisted by singing the grant and providing information about their programs. We will let you know when we hear from the Children's Cabinet!

December Meeting – Scheduled for December 21:

We decided that we will **NOT MEET IN DECEMBER**, since the date is so near the holidays many of our Task Force Members will not be working that day.

We will meet again on January 18, 2012.

2012 Calendar:

Audra passed out the anticipated calendar for 2012 (see Handouts). The location and time works for those who were in attendance; Audra has not heard from anyone who wishes the days/times were different. We will continue to meet the third Wednesday of each month from 11 am to 1. We discussed location and believe that the library in El Dorado continues to be an appropriate location for our meetings. We discussed "taking our show on the road" again in 2012 (like we did in 2010). Leslie offered to have us at Rose Hill Parents as Teachers and Jodi offered to have us at the Y in Andover. Audra will work with other locations for a few dates out of El Dorado for our 2012 meetings. The first meeting on January 18, 2012 will be in El Dorado at the library.

Other:

None

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be on January 18, 2012 at Bradford Memorial Library (611 S. Washington; El Dorado, KS) at 11 am. The presenter has not yet been determined, but do not fear – Audra will find SOMEONE to talk to us!

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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