



## 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, May 16, 2012

Location: Parents as Teachers – Rose Hill

#### Attendees (21 total):

Angie Baur, Central Kansas Community Foundation; Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Dale Tower, Community Partner & Chairperson of Employment First of Butler County; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jennifer Stanyer, The Arc of Butler County; Jill Morrow, Bright Beginnings; Jodi Evans, Andover YMCA; Juanita Newberry, CDI Head Start; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kathy Gann, Coventry Health Care of Kansas (formerly Family Health Partners); Kathy Van Zelfden, Smart Start; Leslie Sissel, Parents as Teachers; Marcy Cone, Child Start; Marla Canfield, Department of Commerce ECAAP Program; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Suzi Thien, SCARF; Tamara Bernard, Smart Start; Teresa Thompson, BCC Early Childhood; Traci Polenz, UniCare. Visitors: Chriss Davidson, Butler County Health Department; Kathy Gray, Child Care Aware of Kansas.

#### Introductions & Announcements:

- Angie – Central Kansas Community foundation received a Haun Endowment of \$600,000. In FYI 2-14 they will be able to begin giving out \$30,000 grants. June 9 is the annual gathering. It will be at Augusta and the Municipal airport. For more information you can reach Angie at [angie@ckcf-bc.org](mailto:angie@ckcf-bc.org).
- Suzi- In April they had the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Buckaro Ball. They sold over 300 tickets. The Henderson Twins presented. The event was well attended and a success. They raised over \$100,000!
- Marcy – Crib notes were passed out. A Child Development class is coming on May 21 to Butler County. All Child Care Providers are required to have a Child Development Class. May 31 is the Children's Champion Event at Botanica.
- Susan – Rainbows Run Walk was a success. \$6,700 was raised. Thank you to BCCAECCE and other volunteers.
- Kathy G – Brought pencils for us to give out to whoever may need them. Because of the name change they need to use them.

- Audra – Audra had several announcements:
  - Audra passed out a flyer for Nijah. Wednesdays in June at 7:00 pm, El Dorado will be having movies in the park at Forest Park (by the swimming pool).
  - Butler Dads events for June:
    - June 23 – 10 to 11 am – Rose Hill – at Rose Hill Library
    - June 30 – 9 to 10 am – Augusta – at Augusta Public Library
    - For more information about the events, or to register, contact Audra at [akenneson@rui.org](mailto:akenneson@rui.org) or 320.1342.

**Guest Presenters:**

Leslie Sissel - Rose Hill Parents as Teachers: Leslie provided us with the welcome packet given to parents (see handouts) and gave us a tour of the building. There are four components to PAT – Family Activities, Home Visits, Play Groups, and Resource Network. For more information about PAT or to refer a family, call Leslie at 776.3348 or email her at [lsissel@usd394.com](mailto:lsissel@usd394.com).

Cathy Gray – Child Care Aware of Kansas – Healthy Kansas Kids: Cathy shared information with us about this program. There is more emphasis on children moving and training on nutrition and obesity. “I am moving. I am learning” addresses physical activity and nutrition. It began with Head Start programs and last year was sent out to a broader audience. KECCS has had funding for obesity training. “Let’s Move” has child care resources and helps to move child care providers toward best practices. For more information about Healthy Kansas Kids, Cathy can be reached at [Cathy@KS.childcareaware.org](mailto:Cathy@KS.childcareaware.org)

**BCCAECE Update – Teresa Thompson:**

The last meeting was on May 6 at The Bug Lady’s Academy. They meet next in July and will assign new officers their posts. For more information about BCCAECE, Teresa can be reached at [tthompson@butlercc.edu](mailto:tthompson@butlercc.edu) or 323.6845.

**Bright Beginnings Part C Update – Susan Harsh:**

The Part C Grant (Birth – 3 with disabilities) is done as of yesterday. They have had a lot of referrals recently. For more information about Bright Beginnings, Susan can be reached at [sharsh@rui.org](mailto:sharsh@rui.org) or 320.1342.

**Other:**

Kathy G. – The Kansas Homeless Summit that was held in El Dorado was good. She found it to be very enlightening.

Jamie D – They are being trained to train parents on “What to do when your child gets sick.” Research shows that parents who take the training show a 60% drop in ER and Doc visits. Jamie will be looking for health partners to participate in the train the trainer event.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be on **June 20 at Flinthills Services – 505 S. Walnut Valley Dr – El Dorado.** This is the coral colored building that is behind the Hotel by the turnpike.

*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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