



## 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, June 20, 2012

Location: Flinthills Services – El Dorado

#### Attendees (18 total):

Amanda Dorey, SCMHCC – Social Stars Preschool; Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Brooke Wolfe, CDI Head Start; Debbie Willsie, SRS – Wichita Region; Darla Carter – Safehouse; Gay Rozell, SRS – Wichita Region; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jamie Jellison, EduCare; Jodi Evans, Andover YMCA; Kris Nicholson, Child Care Aware of KS – TEACH/WAGE\$/KQRIS; Leslie Sissel, Parents as Teachers; Marla Canfield, Department of Commerce ECAAP Program; Nijah Fudge, El Dorado City Hall; Tamara Bernard, Smart Start; Tresa Garcia - Parent; Traci Polenz, UniCare; Tricia Bassingthwaight, New Generation Christian Learning Center. New: Dee Rankin, Child Start Head Start. Guest: Kathy Guy, Flinthills Services – Tour.

#### Guest Presenters – Tour of Flinthills Services:

Kathy Guy – Flinthills Services: Kathy provided us with a tour of Flinthills Services which started in 1994. They built the new building in 2004. Eligibility for services is determined by the CDDO, there is a waiting list for services through HCBS Funding. They currently have 85 individuals receiving services for case management, some of those are children. They have residential sites in multiple locations in the county. Flinthills Services strives to take care of the people who receive services from them to the best of their ability, because they are family. For more information, call Kathy at 321.2325 or email her at [kathyguy@flinthillsservices.org](mailto:kathyguy@flinthillsservices.org).

#### Introductions & Announcements:

- Marla – ECAAP Program has a new brochure. Marla handed it out. For more information about ECAAP contact Marla at [mcanfield@kansascommerce.com](mailto:mcanfield@kansascommerce.com) or 771.6830.
- Gay – As of July 1, SRS will be named the Department for Children and Families.
- Tricia – New Generation Christian Learning Center will host a Child Development Training to meet the KDHE requirement for child care providers. It will be held on

June 27 from 6 to 8 pm. The cost is \$10 per person. For more information contact Tricia at [bttbass@att.net](mailto:bttbass@att.net) or 775.6317.

- Nijah – Movie in the Park is coming up – June 29 at 7:30 at Forest Park in El Dorado (North Taylor Street – by the swimming pool). Movie is “How to Train Your Dragon.” Summer reading has gone well; they have had approximately 25 children at each one.

### **Child Start Head Start Update – Dee Rankin:**

Child Start plans to open the Head Start programs in Butler County as close to the typical start date as possible. They are in the process of interviewing teachers and other center staff. They have met with the Health Department to begin the licensing process. They are working on getting names for enrollment and will send out a flyer as soon as possible. They have toured the sites and are close to signing contracts; they plan to stay at the same locations the Head Start programs are currently located for at least the first year. They are working on a maintenance, upkeep, and renovation plan for the buildings. For information on enrolling a child, families can call Leslie Bradley at 682.1853. Actual enrollments will take place locally, but they will call the Wichita number to get on the list. Child Start will have representatives at our meetings, as they staff the centers, the center managers will begin to attend.

### **Butler Dads – Audra:**

Butler Dads events (handouts) coming up

- 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.

### **Other:**

None

### **Next Meeting: NO JULY MEETING!**

- August 15 – Bradford Memorial Library – 611 S. Washington; El Dorado
  - Guest Speaker: Suzie Thien - SCARF

*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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