

SCECCC Full council

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Present: Deena Williams, KCSL; Tim Quiggle, Pregnancy Crisis Center; Paco Price, Rainbows, Michele Spainhower, Healthy Babies; Nancy Kraus, Early Head Start; Anne Maack, Child Start; Emily Lies, YMCA Child Care; Brenda Brandy, KS Breastfeeding Coalition; Lutfe Beghum; Connecting Point; Christy Hutto, Connecting Point; Anne Harris, Wichita Public Library; Terri Norgren, Parent; Lyndon Drew, Catholic Charities; June Remple, USD 266; Calya Wasson, Connecting Point; Chris Johnston, USD 259/PAT; Katie Noller, Via Christi; Julie McShane, COMCARE; Kathy Gann, ; Andrea Reed, WSU/Family Checkup; Vicky Roper, KCSL; Erin Osbeck, Youthville; LeAnn Kruckenberg; TOP; Rhian Denning, KCSL

Introductions

Introduce David Sherman of Big Brothers/Sisters, our hosts today.

Kansas Breast Feeding Coalition - Brenda Bandy

Non-profit for about 5 years. Meetings in Topeka every other month and opposite months are across the state. Members include hospitals, La-Leche, lactation specialist, etc. Connection with the coalition can be a very valuable resource for opportunities and information on breastfeeding. The mission is "To work collaboratively to promote and protect breastfeeding in order to improve the health of Kansas' families". Brenda is a representative to the national committee. 75% of Moms' want to breastfeed, 25% are breastfeeding at 6 months. The State and National coalitions are focusing more on how to support Mother's. Brenda talked about some of the barriers. There is a program that will help companies support breast feeding in the workplace - Business Case for Breastfeeding.

In Sedgwick County the local coalition is in hibernation right now. The Health Dept has small grants for businesses to help support breastfeeding in the workplace. Wesley Hospital has applied for National licensing for breastfeeding. They would be the first in Kansas to receive this if they get it. There is a state coalition for supporting fathers of breastfeeding mothers. This includes a prenatal curriculum. Fathers and grandmothers are the two most influential people in supporting breastfeeding mothers.

There is a new federal law in the Affordable Health Care Act. Employers must give working mother reasonable time and place for breast pumping. Right now this only applies to hourly employees. There is a bill in federal house and senate to expand this law to all employees and would make discrimination a civil rights violation.

Voice Committee update- Anne Maack and Michelle Eastman

Anne gave a handout of the Connecting Point Website on Early childhood Advocacy tools

This next session will be critical in keeping the early childhood investments at least at the current level

Anne went through the tools that are on the Connecting point website

- Register to Vote
- Find your elected official
- Sedgwick County's 22 Representatives and 8 Senators
- Parent Voice Videos
- Children's Initiative Fund Keeping the Promise
 - Anne gave information on the new appointees to the Children's Cabinet
 - Michelle said that she just got information that Kansas would apply for the Federal "Race to the Top"

- Feb 8th will be the Early Learning Day at the Capitol
- PAT Day at the Capitol will be the first Wednesday in March
- Kansas Coalition for School Readiness' Talking Points
- Kansas Coalition for School Readiness' Parent Advocacy Council
- How to know when a Parent is Ready to Step into a Leadership Role
- Tips for Testifying
- FY 2012 Governor's Budget Report
 - When the new one comes out it will be put here
- Governor's recommendation for Children's Initiative Fund
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- KAC Advocacy Toolkit
- Track a Bill in Kansas
- Legislative Directory

Michelle and Anne demonstrated how to interview and post a video.

Tips

- Get release signed before recording
- Get parent in comfortable position.
- Look at the background - not cluttered
- Make sure there is good lighting
- Get the screen to show person from chest up. This also helps with sound
- Make sure your camera is stable while filming.
- Nothing longer than three minutes
- Have participant practice a couple of times before truly recording

Michelle will set up a youtube account for the SCECCC where all the videos will be uploaded

- [Resource Guide - Cayla Wasson](#)

It should be on the connecting point webpage by next week. Check it out on the Community Resources page.

[Early Childhood Mental Health Group -Julie McShane](#)

Handouts - two Brochures, Parenting Class handout and Julie's business card.

COMCARE has community based mental health services for children 3 and up. For referrals of 3 year olds, please call Julie directly. Children must qualify for Serious Emotional Disturbed diagnosis for COMCARE services. Services include case management, parent coaching, family therapy, medication management, parenting classes and Proud of Me therapeutic classroom.

Proud of Me

Class is three days a week for 2 1/2 - 5 year olds. They currently have 4 sessions at two locations. They will be adding a session at TOP North. Try to have a maximum of 8 children but can have 12 with 4-5 staff. There is a parent coaching component. This is a social/emotional based program not an academic based program. Social emotional is a better indicator than academics for later school success. The program is based on Conscious Discipline.

United Health Ministries Grant projects

Currently doing mental health screening for children 0-5 through the United Health Ministries Grant. Call Julie (660-9587 or 660-9600) to set up these screenings. Also have a parenting class based on Conscious Discipline - see handout. This initiative will also open the 5th session of Proud of Me. New parenting class based on Conscious Discipline will start 9/29/11. This grant will also provide inservice training to mental health and early childhood professionals with a focus on assessing and treating young children.

MSA Grant Updates - Kandi Miller

Smart Start and the Early Childhood Block Grant are the two we currently have through the council. The RFP for both will be sent out next week and we will have 6 weeks to complete. We don't know what the RFP will look like at this time. We did have a community meeting last month that started the process of writing the grant. Sept 19th is the next meeting for partners but this will be canceled until the RFP comes out.

Announcements

Families Together - Just finished training across the state on how to get young disabled teens into employment. State wide conference is Nov. 12th

YMCA all programs for new school year up and running. Pre-k grant program is full.

Connecting Point

Safe Slumber on Sept. 26th at Wesley 8:30 - 10:30 through the Home Visitation Group. Call Cayla if you are interested in having staff attend.

PAT – USD 259:

4 classes currently. Doing them at City Arts.

Healthy Babies

Sept 24th Car Seat program 11:00 - 2:00 at Exploration Place.

International Walk to School Day on Oct 5th

Fire prevention week

Pregnancy Crisis Center workshops coming up - difference on mothering and fathering current research for both mothers and fathers. Looking at a workshop on rights/responsibilities of fatherhood.

Power Up - court approved parenting class for fathers.

United Way

Planning the 2012 Homeless Count on January 25th. Will do it at Expo Hall. Adding depression screenings. Will do a 0-5 area because of the large number of 0-5 children that attended last year.

Wichita Public Library -

Creating Young readers top 5 priority on their new strategic plan.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom will be the title of the Book for Kansas Reads to Preschoolers. It will be in November.

Oct 15 10:00 - 2:00 Wichita Community Baby Shower at the Sedgwick County Extension office.
Gathering used clothing and other items now. Still have resource tables available - free.

Family Check up at WSU is for children 2-16. Assessment - strength based. Minimum of three sessions.
Looking at parenting knowledge and skills, and social emotional skills. Have Spanish speaking staff and assessments.

Governors Conference on Abuse and Neglect in Topeka this year on November 2nd to 4th. Has a large early childhood component.

Crisis nursery respite program still moving forward.