



## 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, September 15, 2010

Location: Rose Hill Parents As Teacher

#### Attendees (14 total):

Audra Kenneson, Smart Start; Brandi Smith, SCMHCC Social Stars; Jackie Tanner, Child Start; Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department; Jamie Jellison, EduCare & Parent; Jill Morrow, Bright Beginnings; Kandi Miller, United Way of the Plains; Kathy Gann, Children's Mercy; Kris Nicholson, Child Care Aware (formerly KACCRRRA); Leslie Sissel, Rose Hill Parents as Teachers; Luann McFadden, Bright Beginnings; Marla Canfield, ECAAP; Susan Harsh, Bright Beginnings; Suzi Thien, SCARF.

#### Introductions & Announcements:

Audra welcomed the group.

- Jamie Jellison – handed out cards for Teresa about the KAEYC conference in October. The Ooey Goey Lady will be there. (see handouts)
- Kris – brought information about E-learning through KACCRA. Reminder that KACCRRRA is now called Child Care Aware of KS. (see handouts)
- Brandi – Social Stars turned 1 yesterday! They graduated 6 kids from the program. They are currently serving 7.
- Susan – is the Tech assistance person assigned to Hays. They have recently trained the last group to go through primary provider coaching approach to providing infant/toddler services. Each *tiny-k* network is now trained in the approach.
- Jackie – Child Start's Public Policy Agenda (see handout) was passed out. Professional Days booklet was passed out. The booklet has grants available for child care providers. No professional development days will be in Butler, but Butler providers can go to other locations.
- Jamie Downs – Flu shots are now available. Also, Cribs for Kids is still going on at the Health Department. They are down to 5 Pack and Plays. This program is for expecting or new parents who cannot afford and do not have a crib or playpen. For more information, contact the Healthy Start home visitor, Ann, at the Butler County Health Department. 321.3400.
- Kathy Gann – October 16 is the Wichita Community Baby Shower (see handout)

**Guest Presenter:**

- Leslie Sissel – Rose Hill Parents As Teachers: Leslie took us on a tour of their facility. They are currently looking for one person to work 10 hours/week. They are currently the only Parents As Teachers program in Butler County. They work with children birth – age 3 with home visits. They can start this service prenatally. They offer events/activities for children and families for children birth – kindergarten. They serve children of all abilities. This year they served 49 families, 72 children. True to her word, Leslie offered cookies and brownies to those in attendance. The brownies were still warm. For more information about Rose Hill Parents As Teachers or for her recipes, you can reach Leslie at [Lsissel@usd394.com](mailto:Lsissel@usd394.com) or 316.776.3348. (Thank you for hosting us, Leslie!)

**Health Wave Application Information – Kathy Gann, Children’s Mercy Family Health Partners:**

Kathy brought information about the Health Wave application process. She presented a power point (see handouts) and also gave us an article about efforts to boost Medicaid/CHIP enrollment (see handouts). There are outreach staff members assigned to address the problem of the backlog. We were given a handout with contact information for those people (see handouts).

**El Dorado Schools Bond Issue – Jamie Jellison, Parent:**

Jamie presented a power point about the bond issue that will be voted on in November. It proposes a new middle school on a 20 acre site with a single gymnasium. It also includes a new elementary school on the site of Skelly site and will replace Skelly and Washington Schools. The vote is on November 2. If you have questions or would like to tour the schools, you can do so during September and October. For more information, email Jamie at [jjellison@butlercc.edu](mailto:jjellison@butlercc.edu).

**Smart Start/Early Childhood Block Grant Update:**

We are currently working on the 2011 grants. The Butler County and Rainbow ECBG information is complete and ready to submit to UWP. Audra will be working with Jane over the next couple of weeks to write the Butler County Smart Start Grant. Currently our numbers are as follows (number served/goal number):

- Smart Start
  - Infant Care Supplement 4/4
  - Start Up Grants 5/4 (will serve more)
  - Grants to Existing Providers 6/10
  - Early Childhood Scholarships for BCC Students 37/25 classes
  - Incredible Years Classes 2/3 (next class October 11)
  - Mid-CAP funds for Parent Talk 0/2 classes 0/2 trainers trained (2 classes scheduled. No trainers will be trained)
  - Butler Dads 4/4 events
- ECBG
  - Infant Care Supplement 5/3
  - Special Needs Supplements 3/3 (served 5)
  - Child Care Scholarships 21/20 (served 23)

### **Upcoming Trainings for Child Care Providers Sponsored by Smart Start:**

As always these trainings are free and for providers who either live or work in Butler County. To register, please speak directly to Audra either via email: [akenneson@rui.org](mailto:akenneson@rui.org) or via cell phone: 323-4501

#### **September**

When: September 28 – 5:30 – 7:45

Where: First Baptist Preschool and Child Care - 315 W. Central, El Dorado

What: Making the Tough Call: Your Role as a Mandated Reporter

Who: Audra Kenneson, LMSW: Smart Start of Butler County

#### **October**

When: October 9 – 9 am - 11

Where: EduCare

What: Sensory Sound Off: Addressing Sensory Issues in the Child Care Setting

Who: Kara Knight, OTR/L: Bright Beginnings

Kathy Van Zelfden, LMSW: Smart Start of Butler County

#### **November**

When: November 9 – 5:30pm – 7:45

Where: First Baptist Preschool and Child Care - 315 W. Central, El Dorado

What: Conscious Discipline

Who: Beth Reeder: Rainbows United, Inc.

When: November 13 – 8 am to Noon

Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety

What: Heart Saver CPR

Who: Troy Jellison, El Dorado Fire Department

*Special Note: Enrollment is very limited.*

When: November 13 – 1 pm to 3

Where: Augusta Department of Public Safety

What: Pediatric First Aid

Who: Troy Jellison, El Dorado Fire Department

### **Strategic Planning –**

Sue Barrientos was able to secure the Intrust Room in the basement of the BCC Welcome Center (2000 Building on El Dorado's Campus) for our Strategic Planning Session. The session will be held from 9 am to 2 pm on Wednesday, October 20. The electronic invitation has gone out and will continue to be sent via email and USPS to partners, business owners, parents, and community members. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please extend an invitation for them to attend. Since food will be provided, please RSVP to Audra no later than October 8. You can reach Audra via email at [akenneson@rui.org](mailto:akenneson@rui.org), at the office 320.1342, or via cell phone 323.4501. Leadership Butler will be facilitating the Strategic Planning Session.

**Other**

Susan – please keep in mind that if you know of someone in the Wichita area who would like to have sensory profiles or behavior intervention for children, there are options via Rainbows United, Inc.'s Mental Health program; for more information contact Audra or Susan at 320.1342. We will invite a representative from that department to come to a future meeting to describe services that are offered at the Kids' Point facility.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be the Strategic Planning meeting on October 20. Our next regular meeting will be November 17 in our regular location: Bradford Memorial Library (611 S. Washington; El Dorado, KS).

*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)*

Minutes written by Audra Kenneson, LMSW  
September 21, 2010