



Building a supportive community where children are born into healthy families and arrive at school ready to learn.

Coordinator's Report: August 2008

Highlights:

- ★ The Prenatal Care Subcommittee has new members including individuals from UVa, Teen Health Center, and the Regional Perinatal Coordinating Council working with us on strategies to improve prenatal care rates for women in our community.
- ★ Come learn about the Charlottesville International Rescue Committee (IRC) at the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion on September 12, at 5th St Ext COB, rm B! Mirna Dickey with the IRC will present.
- ★ A subgroup of Partner agency reps who receive Smart Beginnings grant funds met to discuss coordinating their local budget applications after the grant year ends. A second meeting is slated to review projected budgets and continue discussion on sustainability of grant initiatives.

Work Group Updates:

- **Early Care and Education:** Last month work group members finished half of an action plan draft that will guide the community's activities for the identified priority of *Expanding programming and access to affordable, early care and education for children from birth through age 5, which meets an agreed upon minimum standard of quality.* Our goal is to finish the action plan in September.
- **Public Awareness:** Last month work group members set a goal for piloting the Partnership agency orientations in October and November. Next month we will finalize the orientation evaluations.
- **Family Support:** Last month work group members shared information on how to other entities get books into homes. Next month we will talk about how to get this programming into our community.
- **Parent Education:** Last month, a request went out for help recruiting clients for Parenting Mobile activities offered at Southwood. Next month we will complete the Parenting Kiosk fall schedule.
- **Data Management:** Last month the Partners group approved Data Management's recommendation to move forward with a transitional data document. Next month we will finalize the outcome tables and begin drafting the 2007-08 Transitional Annual Analysis.

Upcoming work group meetings:

- Early Care and Education: Friday, 9/26, 9- 12 p.m. @ 5th St. COB Rm. B
- Public Awareness: Monday, 9/8, 3:45-5 p.m. @ CYFS
- Family Support: Thursday, 9/18, 11-12:30 p.m. @ MACAA
- Parent Education: Tuesday, 9/23, 9-10:30 a.m. @ MACAA
- Data Management: Wednesday, 9/3, 10-11:30 a.m. @ TJHD