



Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, January 31
Location:	Rice Auditorium – ISDH
Facilitators:	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes
# of Participants:	20
Items of Interest	Dates for future core partner meetings – 4/18, 7/25, and 10/24. Please mark your calendars! Web address for the Children’s Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health Plan – www.state.in.us/exceptional/TaskForce.html New Sunny Start Web-site will be – www.sunnystart.isdh.in.gov

Summary of meeting:

History of ECCS

Dr. Ganser discussed the objective is to plan and implement a comprehensive coordinated system for young children (birth – five) and their families. We are currently in the implementation phase.

Due to a desire to access additional funding, focused planning meetings were held in lieu of bringing the draft of the strategic plan before the community.

The timeline for the project is three years beginning Sept. 1, 2005. The plan is broken down into one year increments.

Core Partner Responsibilities

Dr. Ganser gave a review of general responsibilities and asked for suggestions for whom else should serve in this capacity.

Review of Utah Clicks

Universal application program developed by the state of Utah. A secure, password protected site.

Consumer benefits

- Saves time
- Saves money (no driving)
- No questions are repeated
- Available in multiple languages

- Will serve as an application for all programs the individual qualifies for without having to request it.

Administration Benefits

- Streamlined
- Lower personnel costs
- Reduce postage costs
- Lower amount of time per client

Working with FSSA on a pilot program in Muncie, project will be called Indiana WINS. First tier of the test includes TANF, Medicaid and Food Stamps (FSSA programs). The second tier will include MCH programs.

Comment was posed to consider accessibility for target population especially in rural areas. An additional comment indicated the need to track statistics on computer access.

Social and Emotional Training Initiative –

Dr. Ganser explained that one of our outcomes for this year is to facilitate the development of a consistent approach to training and technical in the area of social and emotional development. Those individuals that develop and provide training for providers about young children's social and emotional develop need to be part of this discussion. A national expert in the area of infant and toddler development will facilitate the meeting to develop a set of core principles that will support a unified approach to this training regardless of the entity that that sponsors it.

Core Partners are to notify Toni Harpster - tmharpster@yahoo.com of individuals who should be part of that discussion.

Information Clearinghouse

Michael Conn-Powers discussed the progress to date on the Early Childhood Meeting Place (ECMP). The ECMP currently has information about upcoming trainings. In the future, it will include community information for parents of young children. Local resources will establish accounts and maintain the information themselves.

The question of account security was posed as families will view this as a trusted site.

Marketing

Andrea unveiled the new project name (Sunny Start – Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds) as well as the logo.

Updates from Core Partners

- Infant Mental Health Association is working with FSSA Dept of Mental and Addictions to provide training for Case Workers as well as Foster Parents
- Children's Social, Emotional and Behavioral Health Plan is being developed by DOE, Division of Exceptional Learners, a public forum was held on Nov. 16, there will be another held on April 25, in Columbus and May, 25th in Merrillville.
- IAEYC and FSSA have finished a statewide workforce study for child care providers. This study includes home care, faith based programs... This is the first time ever that this information has been obtained in Indiana.
- IAEYC/ITSI (Infant Toddler Specialist Initiative) Working with IVY Tech providing on-line mentoring via the web for those obtaining an associates degree in child development
- Early Childhood conference is 3/9 – 3/11 – CEU's will now be earned for participation in the conference
- IACCRR – Have reached approx. 4,000 participants with the Safe Sleep Practices training for care providers. Also reinstating Mentors as Partners.
- Social and Emotional Screening being implemented (CANS)
- Healthy Child Care Indiana now piloting the Child Care Health Consultant Program.
- United Way Success by 6 implementing "Imagination Library" which is a book distribution program.
- Head Start – 1% budget cut, current funding level is less than five years ago, thinking about cutting slots.

Follow Up

Send participants – Utah Clicks demo url-

http://www.utahclicks.org/uasdemo/index_files/frame.htm

Post Child Care Economic Study to be on Sunny Start Website when updated; meanwhile url-

http://www.inchildcarefund.org/InChildCareBro_Web.pdf