



## Sunny Start Core Partners Meeting Summary

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, October 24, 2006
<b>Location:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> floor Training Conf. Room
<b>Facilitators:</b>	Dr. Judy Ganser, Andrea Wilkes
<b>Participant Details:</b>	Edward Bloom, Melanie Brizzi, Pat Cole, Cathy Beard, Janet Deahl, Kelli Plummer, Michele Golab, Ted Maple, David Roos, Cheryl Shearer, Michelle Thomas, Angie Tomlin, Anthony Lawson, Judith Ganser, Andrea Wilkes, Maureen Greer and Toni Harpster
<b>Items of Interest</b>	Dates for next core partner meetings - January 23, 2007 – April 24, 2007 – July 24, 2007 – October 23, 2007 Please mark your calendars!
<b>Attachments:</b>	Sunny Start Web-site – <a href="http://www.sunnystart.in.gov">www.sunnystart.in.gov</a> Early Childhood Meeting Place Website - <a href="http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu">http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indiana.edu</a> Quality Rating Scale Power Point Paths to Quality Summary Common Purpose – Sharing Responsibility for Child and Family Outcomes (NCCP paper by Lisbeth B. Schorr who spoke at the National ECCS Conference) State ECCS Evaluation Report produced by Indiana University Center for Health Policy
<b>Summary of meeting:</b>	<b><i>Bureau of Child Care – review of the Quality Rating Scale for Child Care Providers – (See attached Power Point)</i></b>  Michelle Thomas and Janet Deahl presented information on The Quality Rating Scale for Child Care Providers. This program for child care providers will provide families information on how to find and choose quality child care whether it be licensed, home care, preschools or registered ministries. The program is voluntary and helps providers learn ways to improve the care they provide, and provide them with supports (mentoring through the Indiana

Association of Child Care Resource and Referral -IACCRR) and incentives. The system will be tiered with 4 levels of care with level one being the baseline for licensing (even if they do not have a license) all the way up to accreditation. The goal is to provide more provider resources and incentives so that when a provider achieves a level 4 it does not make it unaffordable for families.

The state is currently in the process of finalizing the system structure, estimating cost and funding sources and completing pilot reviews. They are using the model created by Paths To QUALITY which began in Allen County in 1996 and since has expanded to 5 counties surrounding Allen County, 11 counties in south west Indiana, and 4 counties in southern Indiana. In north east Indiana, 200 (58%) child care programs participate, 69% of these programs have increased and maintained higher levels of quality, 62% are operating at a level 3 or higher and 66 programs have achieved national accreditation.

### ***Early Childhood Meeting Place***

Cathy Beard from the Early Childhood Center, Indiana Institute on Disability and Community shared accomplishments of the Early Childhood Meeting Place Expansion – Website is redesigned with accessibility through counties, added a visitor evaluation, sub-categories.

The Early Childhood Center continues to enter new local, county and state resources and continues to solicit new account holders. They are developing print materials which will be disseminated to state, local organizations and service providers that serve families of young children. A Power Point will be developed about the expansion which will be used at state and regional conferences.

Challenges include attracting new account holders, identifying local resources and additional data base access for distribution of materials. Cathy asked the group to access the web-site and see what is out there. She also asked participants to forward information on resources and potential account holders to her @ [beardc@indiana.edu](mailto:beardc@indiana.edu). When marketing materials are finalized, Cathy will forward the information to Toni who will send it out to all committees of Sunny Start and ask them to forward it to anyone who might be a potential resource or account holder.

The group also discussed the potential problem with the site for families who do not speak English. Cathy explained that an ad-hoc committee is being formed to address this situation. Feedback from this committee will be forwarded to Sunny Start.

### ***S/E Training Initiative***

Angela Tomlin from the Indiana Association of Infant and Toddler Mental Health reviewed the work they are doing on the Social and Emotional

Consensus Statement and competencies. So far, they have reviewed work done by other states (Florida, Wisconsin, Michigan, etc.) and drafted a consensus statement. Feedback has been obtained by members of the Sunny Start Social and Emotional Training and Technical Assistance Committee. The group decided that the competencies should be tiered and information on how to use the document should be included. The Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health is currently working on what knowledge is required at each level. Once the document is in final form, it will be brought back to the Sunny Start Core Partners for them to sign off on.

### ***Family Advisory Committee***

Toni Harpster updated the group on the current activities of the Family Advisory Committee. At the last committee meeting, the group reviewed the Indiana WINS program and provided feedback to Edward Bloom from the Indiana State Department of Health. Currently the committee is in the process of putting together a developmental calendar which will be posted on the Early Childhood Meeting Place. They are using existing resources and making modifications so that it meets the needs of Indiana families. In the future, the group will review the Medical Passport (document used to keep track of medical history for foster children) from a family perspective.

### ***Universal Application***

John Richard from the Indiana State Department of Health gave an update on Indiana Wins the universal application for Indiana. With money provided by Sunny Start, the hardware and licenses have been purchased and the database has been configured. The plan is to roll the program out on January for Children's Special Health Care Services, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Maternal Child Health (MCH). Hoosier Healthwise and other FSSA programs are expected to follow.

A software upgrade is due at the end of November from Utah Clicks. A demo site has also been created. This will be forwarded to the Sunny Start Core Partners for review as soon as possible. Currently looking at software programs that will provide training to families on how to use the system along with the possibility of putting computer kiosks in waiting rooms.

### ***Evaluation***

An evaluation report has been created (attached) which corresponds to the Sunny Start Strategic Plan. It is a research proposal and represents a best case scenario as far as the data is concerned. The scope of Sunny Start is so broad that it makes it harder to attribute successes to the initiative. Tony asked the group to review the report and to contact him with any suggestions or comments. Tony's e-mail is [ahlawson@iupui.edu](mailto:ahlawson@iupui.edu).

### ***Update – Early Childhood Comprehensive System National Meeting***

Andrea Wilkes reported that Indiana is in good shape compared to many

states in regards to collaboration between stakeholders on the Early Childhood Comprehensive System. Keynote speaker NAME??? stated that due to budget constraints society has become rather ambivalent on early childhood programs. Therefore we need to be clear in our purpose, measure outcomes, create and sustain partnerships and all of us need to be held accountable.

***Next Steps for committee members***

- Access the Early Childhood Meeting Place Website (Family Section) and provide Cathy Beard from the Early Childhood Center with feedback, potential resources and potential account holders. The website is <http://earlychildhoodmeetingplace.indidana.edu> Cathy Beard's e-mail is [beardc@indiana.edu](mailto:beardc@indiana.edu)
- Suggestions for additions to the developmental calendar along with other child development resources to be posted on the Early Childhood Meeting Place should be sent to Toni Harpster @ [tmharpster@yahoo.com](mailto:tmharpster@yahoo.com)
- Read the Evaluation Document (attached) and send questions and comments to the evaluator Tony Lawson @ [ahlawson@iupui.edu](mailto:ahlawson@iupui.edu)
- Access the Indiana WINS Demo - Instructions on how to access the demo will be sent to committee members by 11/15/06 along with information on where to send feedback.

**Next Meeting - January 23rd, 2007 – 1:00 – 3:30 at the Indiana State Department of Health**