

BVCS Early Childhood Iowa SAC COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Vision: "Every child beginning at birth will be healthy and successful"

Date: October 10, 2013

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Sac County Court House Annex, 116 South State Street (lower level)

SIGN-IN AND INTRODUCTIONS: Annette Koster, BVCS ECI; Mollie Scott, DECAT/CPPC; Retta Mitchell, CCR&R; Ranell Drake, Sac County Supervisor; Skyla Edwards, CAASA DVA; Jackie Duffy, Sac County Health Services; Christy Jenkins, Prevention Director New Opportunities.

PRESENTATION: Annette Koster reminded the group of the 2009 Survey results that resulted in the current priorities for the BVCS ECI area:

1. Families participating in home visitation and parent education programs,
2. Allowing preschool age children access to quality preschool programs,
3. Nurturing home and center early child care environments,
4. Health prevention measures,
5. Encouraging early literacy, and the
6. Coordination of services.

Annette shared the results from the 2013 surveys to parent showing the needs and stresses reported. Needs identified included: 29% legalization, 23% medical/dental, 20% dual language, 17% food, 17% safety, 14% counseling, 14% employment, 14% pursuing education, 11% utilities, 11% church to attend, 9% transportation, 9% guidance raising children, 6% recreation. Stress reported in families: Lack of money, child behavior, immigration status, not enough food, unemployment, single parent, trustworthy childcare, housing, employment, health issues, money management, drug/alcohol, safety, disabilities, military deployment, and spouse/significant other. A survey monkey was sent out to service providers the results: Employment (earnings to cover basic needs), Medical needs, Quality childcare, Guidance id raising children, housing concerns, literacy, transportation, counseling, and pursuing education.

A comparison was made between the parents identified needs and stresses and the service providers responses. Many items identified can fit into to current priorities. Example families participating in Family STEPS the current in home visitation program are assisted with many of the item listed. The Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program allows families access to quality preschool programs does this need to be revised? Should health prevention measures have a more descriptive word? Work may need to done on the strategies to achieve results. The strategies will be discussed at a later date. Coordination of Services was discussed to include a "welcome wagon" approach to communities, discussion of having an expanded resource directory about availability of programs. The current resource directory is on the New Opportunities web-site.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Christy J made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mollie S, all in favor.

AGENCY - COMMUNITY SHARING/NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNITY: Retta M shared she worked at the Health Fair on Saturday. Attendance was low. The set up was done well. Kristi Neumann

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from CASSA attended and talked with adults/children on “safe touches”. Jackie D suggested more participation in organizing the event.

Family Development Center is Sac City assist families with coats, boots.

Jackie D reported Immunization Flu Clinics are currently being offered working with hospital. Would like to be able to offer in schools. Trying to work with Buena Vista County to provide first time Mom visits open to all families. Public Health is also working with New Opportunities. HIPPA standards present barrier to get patient information. Christy J reported she had a visit from a nurse from Saint Anthony’s after she delivered.

WRAP-UP & ADJOURN

The next Sac County Advisory Council is scheduled for December 9, 2013.

Would you like to volunteer to be the speaker at the October meeting?

Next scheduled meeting for BVCS 3-County Board meeting “Big Board”:

Wednesday October 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. - Trinity Lutheran Church 612 S Dewey Street, Odebolt

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

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