

Mason County Early Coalition

December 5, 2013

Present:

Lydia Buchheit, Mason County Public Health; Chair, MCELC
Kristi Selby, Shelton Timberland Library; Secretary, MCELC
Holly Porter, Mason County Head Start/ECEAP; MCELC Future Chair
Fran Williams, Childcare Action Council
Eunice Santiago, Mason Community, Hispanic Roundtable
Tamra Ingwaldson, United Way
Dan Teuteberg, WSU; Past Chair, MCELC
Kristen Franckum, Mason County Public Health

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Introductions

Kaleidoscope Training

Dan clarified Kaleidoscope Training, mentioned his interest in being trained and that there is a cost attached. Fran refreshed us about the model and how long the training lasts, that it is intentional play group, and that she is a certified trainer. Housed with Childcare Aware, Fran will double check on affiliation and who, how training can be financially supported. Considered a “promising practice” not evidence based yet. The most productive play groups of this nature last longer than six weeks. A parent/participant may take over leadership of the group.

Regional Coalition Updates

Dan: Betzy has moved on with a position in Head Start. Her replacement has a strong background and he will meet her soon. Have not heard about regional grant through Thrive yet, will hear back soon. Put in for \$165,000 for region. Last year received 65 percent of request. This year put in the actual request. Dan is regional advisor of ELAC and clarified that the government push towards pulling out of voting rights is to retain lean government with the aim still be able to have influential conversations. Currently there is a conversation with participants regarding who does what; i.e. ELAC, DEL, Regional Coalitions, etc. will be figuring out priorities and communication protocol.

Lydia: There are 33 EL priorities from the state level, and we need to identify local needs are, such as Grays Harbor has done. State still list priorities that are not as relevant to local needs but our experience with Thrive has been positive.
DEL and Thrive are still deciding who will support what.

Hispanic Roundtable

Eunice: Hispanic Roundtable of Mason County has been meeting for over two years, and is a community based group, working on behalf of the local Latino community in Mason County and meet monthly.

On Jan 19th, a family event will be held in the early afternoon at **Evergreen School**. Community agencies are invited to the event or to be involved financially. One objective of the event is to make sure people are aware of the healthcare navigators and where they can go for assistance and information regarding federal healthcare changes and benefits. They are planning for a Mam interpreter. (Clarified that many Guatemalan families in Shelton area speak Mam, while Kanjobal is the predominant language in Belfair area). The aim is to provide information, entertainment and light refreshments. She will submit a proposal ASAP in consideration of financial assistance from MCELC. Dan mentioned that the board we will be meeting to discuss further.

Work committee planning and reports

David Matteson Family event

Holly: Currently struggling with dates since they would like to piggyback with Shelton school district.

Casper Babypants Family Event

Fran: Up to 1000 is being requested for this. Jan 25th at Olympic Middle School
Tamra: United Way may be able to do the printing could be an in-kind or actual expense.

Gail can get it translated.

Lydia: clarified that we need an actual form or written request and that we initially understood \$500 would be requested. Eboard will need to discuss how can support the event.

Play and Learn group:

Kristi and Fran just beginning to discuss a series for later in the school year. Would be beneficial to research a bit more to see when/where a play group series would be most successful. Library was mentioned previously.

See what's available with Kaleidoscope? Optimum is 6-9 (kids?) per playgroup.

Gail: Summer Play Group will continue through school district. Diana is moving at the end of the year and would like to get Renee trained.

Dan: Where can we bring in the local piece? Already have a good baseline, and it would be minimal to support.

Gail has \$3000 for support and materials, no room fee. Same time as summer school. Title 3 money. Will be just for Spanish or Guatemalan families.

Eunice: Are we interested in a long term plan to provide education to providers? Many care providers have very little training in CPR, intentional play.

Fran mention CAC works with licensed care providers.

Routable discussion regarding the significance of offering training, support, educational opportunities even in non-licensed situations.

Tamra: Mentioned Red Cross babysitter classes offered at hospital.

Gail: Could we offer CPR on a Saturday? Preferably in Mam, Spanish, Kanjobal

Eunice: Also, basic parenting and focused play would be beneficial for this hard to reach group, why this is in our best interests,

Lydia suggested more data collecting from parents,

Tamra: North End Church is packed with Hispanic families on Sundays and could be a good place to meet.

Dan: What can our agency do to address these issues? Who else needs to be here? Maybe the church?

Eunice – offered to come back another meeting.

Community outreach

Tamra offered to participate in this but not spearhead, and needs direction.

Dan suggested we can steal what's already been done by other coalition. Tamra can utilize Facebook etc. Coalition can apply for some funding to support some of what we've been talking about to leverage to what we need i.e. Kaleidoscope training.

Tamra – Upcoming January Community Services Group (meets 2nd Tues of the month at 1:00 pm in Public Works building off 101

Upcoming meeting –

TBD but will focus on Caspar Baby pants event. Meet Jan 9th?? 10th??

Tamra: Promote event on volunteermason.org?

Gail: Last day of school session is December 20th and anything that needs translation should be submitted ASAP.

Holly – asked about getting a van from Belfair to the event.

Meeting adjourns.