

Eaton County's GREAT START Collaborative: Programs and Services Committee and the Early On Interagency Coordinating Council

Minutes: December 6 , 2007

1. Call to Order: Eaton County's GREAT START Collaborative Programs and Services Committee and the Early On Interagency Coordinating Council met in regular session December 6, 2007. Peg Cameron called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Peg thanked the members who provided seasonal treats. She introduced the three Early On ICC parent representatives.

2. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Great Start Updates:

The OYC newsletter was distributed.

New CMH provider training sessions were discussed.

HeadStart parent education program details were distributed.

The group was advised the Imagination Library is currently accepting new recipients, but will be capped at 600 children..

Programs may promote their services and events through the weekly ECC ads placed in local papers. The parent-oriented ads need to be focused on county-wide events, said Ronda.

Articles for publication are being accepted for the new ECC newspaper insert.

Participants were invited to contribute articles.

The group was informed Highfields' Wrap-around has less Eaton County availability.

4. Early Childhood Connection Updates:

An author visit is being planned for April.

During Reading Month, March, free books will be distributed.

The Charlotte Community Action Team is preparing lesson plans for SIREN's Children's Program.

The Community Action Team will also implement a parent/child program at SIREN.

The "Build My Brain" series will begin in February.

Wayne Buletza has invited ECC staff to present the "Build My Brain" series to Olivet College students studying to become special education teachers.

"Sports Starter": ECC is coordinating with Charlotte Public Schools Community Recreation to pilot a "Sports Starters" program. Motor skills are important to the development of academic skills.

5. Early On Updates: Early On early intervention education service is moving toward a more consultation model from a more intensive direct service model which has been in effect since the 1970's. Federal requirements also now require services throughout the summer. There is no funding to provide these services so it will be a challenge! The recent focus has been on compliance with Federal Law as it relates to IDIEA, part C. Eaton County did not meet two of the seven indicators; "Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) developed within forty-five days of the referral" and "services provided within thirty days of the IFSP". We have made substantial gains toward full compliance

on these indicators. This quarter we had 96% compliance of the forty-five day time line and 93% compliance of the thirty day time line.

At this time, 91 children and families are receiving services. The one year period count is 177 children and families who are served by Early On in Eaton County.

The Early On Yellow Pages Resource Directory was reviewed and updated. The directory will, in addition to the current distribution, will be provided to ECC for Baby Bags and to Chambers of Commerce in our service area.

NOTE: Next Meeting: FRIDAY January 25, 2008 in conjunction with the MSRP Advisory Council.