

# Gila County Early Education Funds Partnership

## Quarterly Report 7/31/07

**Please list each task/goal that your partnership has worked on in the past quarter. What progress have you made and what challenges have you faced in working toward each?**

On March 23, 2007, Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Inc was funded \$25,000 to begin the Gila County School Readiness Partnership. The grant year is April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. Letters of support were received from

Partnership Building exercises the members have completed have included:

- Lasting Change Appreciative Interview Guide
- Polarity Management
- Team Ice Breaker
- Peak experience working in partnership exercise
- Three wishes for the partnership exercise
- Create 15 second commercial for Gila Partnership
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Each meeting has an introduction of current and new members. Members share relevant personal and agency information.

At the January 30, 2007 meeting members discussed the following: building partnership capacity; ideas to improve ECE practices in Gila county; ideas to increase access to quality child care and health services; ideas to support parent & family units; ideas to strengthen early childhood literacy; ways to provide linkages to health services & programs; and ideas to provide professional development for those who work with kids 0-5. The Discovery 2005 Assessment and Planning Tool was completed by members of the partnership at the January meeting.

At the February 27, 2007 meeting members discussed the following: Strategies for Staying; Strategies for staying focused on vision; and Ideas for stability and change. A location and meeting survey was conducted with partnership members at the February meeting.

At the March 27, 2007 meeting members heard the results from the members survey; decided meeting minutes will be provided; PGCCS rec'd Phone call telling grant was

approved; Discussed ideas to build partnership holistically: outreach, community input, train the trainer; Charity attended Pinal County early ed partnership, the State rally advocating for child care support from the governor, and attended state early education monthly meeting.

What networking vehicles do you bring to the table?

Ramona/CPS 2<sup>nd</sup> wed. of mth at Elks 9-11 a.m. Southern Gila county network Gila Co. Methamphetamine coalition early childhood intervention. Breakthrough series collaborative/coppertops. Interagency meetings, alcohol coalition.

Josie/A.P.S. Breakthrough services collaborative/Coppertops. Interagency meetings, Southern Gila Co. network.

Dora/CCA Pinal Co. Social Services, Network (Coolidge)  
CARE, network (Casa Grande)  
Pinal Co. success by 6 partnership  
Resource roundup planning committee (Casa Grande)  
Dist. V CCA leadership  
Against abuse board (Casa Grande)  
Community partnership to reduce teen pregnancy (CPRTP) Casa Grande  
DES Integrated services delivery team (ISDT-CG)

Paula Gila County website for link, email to all Gila County employees, interagency meetings in Globe, early childhood network CRRS.

Kim: Continue network (e-mail) to professionals and families  
Community resource directory  
Agency wide communication – mid cultural region  
Will be establishing more

Audrey So. Gila Co. network team

Clare Family diaper bank Gila & Pinal counties  
Rehab for drug & alcohol abuse. INPayson.com

Partnership Information will be given by the members as follows:

- April 4 - San Carlos community health fair – wellness conference, Kim is attending
- April 17 - Immunization fair – globe, resources - Ricki
- April 28 – Payson – need more booth participants – brain research - Lynne
- April 19 – food program – train child care providers that receive money nutrition – opens for presentation/booth, apache gold, mid state food program - Linda
- Tomorrow – rotary club at hospital – Ricki & Ann speaking about EC
- Monthly newsletter – globe school district

- April 20 – Miami boom town, booths are available
- May contacts members made:
  - – Bernie, Gila Pueblo College
  - – San Carlos Head Start
  - - San Carlos, Rice school, Sue Phillips
  - - Miami library, Jean
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  - - attended Globe community forum w/CEPATICO and announced partnership
  - Sharon, available to partnership, Brain Waves Trainer,
- June contacts members made:
  - CENPATICO will do a community meeting in Payson, Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>,
  - List serve – Southern Gila county network team coalition, every second wed. of the month, at Globe Elks, 25 to 50 people attend. (Good group for brain waves). They may be looking for a speaker for July. Margarie Cook is contact.
  - Lobe interagency meeting, Joes Broadstreet Grill, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30. Always 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Melissa Gila community action program is contact.
  - Pinal county regional partnership June 20<sup>th</sup>, CAC at 1pm and first things first board

PGCCS is working on Web site (minutes, calendar, Handouts, Focus point; handout, Nutrition, brain research, Language development, Target audience, community happenings. RESOURCE DIRECTORY – WEB SITE – GET FROM KIM

At the May 22, 2007 meeting members Charity updated members on what has been happening with the First Things First Board. Handouts were given. Linda Cannon's role as a consultant to the First Things First board was also discussed. The following questions were asked to the committee for the remainder of the meeting.

- What's working well with the current boundaries?
- What we want to learn today:
- What resources does your agency offer?
- Where are your offices located? (Gila County)
- What service areas do you cover?
- What strengths do you bring?
- What perspective do you bring to the table?
- What networking vehicles do you bring to the table?
- What services do you provide?

**A success story:**

**At the First Things First Focus meeting we had in Globe, more than 30 community members and partnership members attended. They represented tribes, businesses, schools, parents, educators, community service providers, and the community at large.**

**Please attach any tools or materials your partnership has developed, as well as any publicity you have received (i.e. newsletters, newspaper articles.)**

Attached:

- Gila Partnership Flier
- Gila Forum Flier
- Hibbs Release Globe

We are currently compiling a complete members list and it will also be placed on the web site. See attached contact list.