

Gila Early Education Partnership Meeting Minutes

Meeting date 7/17/07

Meeting time 9:30 to 11:30

Location: Elks lodge

Partnership Funding:

Timeline: 4/1/07 to 3/30/08, \$25,000, Funding Source: Early Education Funds

Vision: Gila county children will enter first grade safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

Attendees:

- Lead agency: Charity Russell and Melanie O'Neil
- Cassandra O'Neill, partnership consultant
- Ann Tolman Miami EHS/HS
- Lynne Winans, Payson HS
- Ricki Williams, Globe HS
- Margaret Solis, CCR&R
- Mary Corona, HB Teacher
- Alicia, Parent
- Judy Waldroff, Early Childhood and Health Board
- Alicia Smith, Early Child Development and Health Board
- Kim Robinson, Az Children's Assoc. (grandparents raising grandchildren)
- Gary Grounds, State Farm owner/agent in Globe

What I want to learn today:

- See what's happening
- Get some more info
- How our local meetings tie in with what's down the road
- Hayden/Winkelman
- Update for Gila partnership and state
- Learn more
- Get caught up
- Be updated

What has partnership done in the last 30 days?

- Attended southern Gila county network
- Town councils for Miami and Globe
- Town hall fliers (85)
- Visited both libraries
- Invited Payson school district to meeting (preschool)
- Invited a parent to meetings
- In payson.com
- Payson newspaper
- Radio release, Bill Taylor (Globe local)

- News releases have been good and people have been responded
- ASC meets quarterly
- ACA – gave feedback

“A” partnership activities

- Press releases: Winkelman, Globe, Miami, Payson
- Brochure
- Web site started
- Last 30 days activities
- Building partnership activities
- Needs & assets of building
- CA was done and will build n that. Just beginning
- Begun resource guide

News:

Audrey in hospital, doing ok

Dora is at another meeting today

To Board:

Press releases, radio, newspaper

Resource guide

Community assessment

First Things First

Alicia, Professional Development

Judy, Infant Maternal and Child Health: brain development, mental health, how infants and toddlers communicate. Early brain development. Help to establish stable environment.

First Things First Board from prop 203, lessons learned, boundaries of communities, board is trying to make decisions.

System of Early Care and Education and Health

Handouts given to partnership

- Service Resources are in Payson, Winkelman and Globe. It is not duplication of services. It is serving locally.
- Gila county health dept is one organization serves many communities
- Site based management – health fair geared to each community
- Early intervention – Blake foundation – staffing is an issue
- Therapist HB
- Difficult for reimbursement rates low
- Strong recommendation to get involved in first things first
- Payson has seen increase in preschool children with special needs
- Staffing issues arise from low wage, low case load, and low qualified applicant pool
- Globe and Miami is increasing in child numbers because of mine opening
- Hayden/Winkelman child numbers are staying the same
- School districts are also having trouble finding speech and occupational therapist
- Doctors need to be better equipped to identify testing at 0-3 and missed early intervention. Doctor is not tuned into early screening. Tend to tell parents oh, they will grow out of it. Family practice doctors.
- PEDS TOOL – doctors can get additional money to administer from access. AZ academy of pediatrics has a projection. It incorporates parent observations. \$29. neq kids.
- EPSDT – doctors need to use
- Child finds events aren't happening in Gila County. Schools meet their requirement by advertising child find info.
- Need to educate parents
- Babies born drug addicted
- Tribe in Globe % is 80% birth delay and developmental delay
- Premature babies
- Hayden/Winkelman: Doctors in Pinal. Doctor lost access contract. That doctor is unavailable. Family practice doctor. She is never there.

- Children issues with drug related issues
- No follow up facilities locally. Sent to the valley. Then parents can't travel.
- Risk assessment for lead not happening until 4
- Large numbers of children without health care (kids care has helped). Paying something is an issue
- Grandparents raising grandchildren is a big issue
 - Formal guardianship no access
- Possible link: Aspiring pediatricians come from u of a school
- How do you leverage services? Don't do direct services necessary. Asst parents with strategies to get services
- Mental health for families is sorely lacking. Anger management, discipline techniques, relationship building
- Hayden and Winkelman – rehab services not available
- Grandparents raising grandchildren
- Dentist won't take you if any family member owes money, he will turn child away.
- Affordable, quality preschools and child care availability is limited in county, weekend, infant
- Head start has a waiting list

Assets

- Globe/Miami agencies work well together. Community meetings. Back to school care fair. Head start and health dept, public school, mental health, des, cps, jobs, healthy families back to school fair. Kindergarten round up. Education on service providers. Good working relationship.
- Kiwanis, Elks, Rotary, church, and Lyons use clubs to help at events and distribute info to community.
- Maybe clubs can let community know priority areas for funds
- CEPATICO training are free and available to whole community (need to get word out that service is available) because no one is attending.
- Parent involvement activities for families.
- Payson has 5 pediatricians
- Payson has wonderful community resources. Hearing, vision, doctor
- Also goes to sites and Az tooth doctor is in globe
- Kearny dentist
- Have a lot of DES family home providers, globe only
- Good training opportunities for des home providers

Boundary Ideas

- County is best, because services go by county.
- Have meetings to go back and forth between Payson and globe
- Gila county health dept is example of a logical model.
- Issues are similar between communities

- Telecommute
- Possible think of sub committees to regional council.
- 11 should be also represented to all communities in county

Gila Jobs

- Mines
 - Carlotta
 - Asarco
 - Resolution copper
- Gila county
- Wal-Mart
- Grocers
- Schools
- State government
- Forestry service
- Restaurants and hotels
- (2) casinos