

Gila Early Education Partnership Meeting Minutes

Meeting date 11/28/07

Meeting time 9:30 to 12:00

Location: Tiny's Family Restaurant Payson

Partnership Funding:

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

Vision:

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

Attendees:

- Lead agency: Ashley Pascual, Community Partnership Coordinator
- Ricki Williams, Globe Head Start
- Ann Tolman, Miami EHS/Head Start
- Lynne Winans, Payson HS
- Kim Robinson, AZ Children's Assoc. (grandparents raising grandchildren)
- Su Connell, Town of Payson/ RCLP
- Margret Celix, CCR&R
- Nancy Althoff, RCLP
- Beverly Doyle, DES Payson
- Jackie Elston, Tonto Basin School
- Debra White, DDD
- Barbara Fitzgerald, PUSD
- Jean Gorslin, DES/ CCA
- Diane Taylor, Cenpatico
- Gail Gorry, PUSD #10
- Tom Tieman, Payson P.D.
- Nancy Sherer, Payson RGC
- Terri Legassie, PUSD-Preschool
- Kelli Schuttinga, Arizona Children Association
- Patti Calkins, ASDB-HI
- Judy Baker, Mogollon Health Alliance
- Paula Horn, Gila County Health Department
- Blanche Oakland, PUSD
- Christy Walton, Gila Family Advocacy Center
- Cassandra O'Neill, Technical Assistance

Peak Experiences:

- Helping kids with hearing issues leading to helping with speaking
- "I'm in heaven" working with kids
- "the four letter word L-O-V-E"
- Respecting and Valuing different cultures
- "It is not teaching that is difficult- it is teaching the parents that is difficult"
- Being able to help a single mother who was encourage by Head Start, got her GED, and is receiving AA in early childhood

- Being able to be persistent with parents
- Able to give to the children (Christmas gifts)
- Educating grandparents raising grandkids and other kin kids
- Seeing progress with working with pediatricians!
- Connecting parents with child care providers

First Things First:

- Reviewed the Regional Admin flow chart; application process; regional boundaries; and ECDH's funding formula
- Brainstormed ideas of what is needed in Gila County- list will be narrowed in future meetings

What has partnership done in the last 30 days?

- Kim went to Payson's CAP networking meeting
- Ann, Gila county fair, 30 fliers, gave to agencies
- Lynne invited Special Needs teachers to join
- Ashley put ad in inpayson.com
- Kim put partnership info in Newsletter

Next 30 days:

- Networking and information sharing

Suggestions:

- Take less time during team building activity.
- "Meet in the middle" and have meetings in Roosevelt or Punkin Center.
- Move meeting time.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, December 18th