

Gila Early Education Partnership Meeting Minutes

Meeting date 8/21/07

Meeting time 9:30 to 12:00

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, Melanie O'Neil, Ashley Pascual
- Ricki Williams, Globe HS
- Ann Tolman Miami EHS/HS
- Shana Schenck, Horizon Human Services (Healthy Families)
- Jennifer Kinnard, Gila County School Dist.
- Alicia, Parent/Little People's preschool
- Kim Robinson, AZ Children's Assoc. (grandparents raising grandchildren)

What I want to learn today:

- Get some more info & Get caught up
- Update for Gila partnership and state
- Information for grandparents
- What is our focus
- The next steps

Review Quarterly Reports:

- Shows progress of the partnership
- Quarterly Report of logic model: states Goals, Objectives and Results
- Difficult to get child care centers to disclose pay scale for the wage study
- Health Subcommittee and Literacy Subcommittee will not be formed yet

Website:

- Gila Early Education Partnership link on website www.pgccs.org
- Meeting agenda, meeting minutes, quarterly reports, community assessment, and Gila Partnership flier
- Member/Contact list will be added
- Ages & Stages will be added

What has partnership done in the last 30 days?

- Invited a parent to meetings
- Contacted 3 grandparents
- Information out at Globe grandparent support group
- PINS Specialist invited
- Payson forum (Charity is waiting on meeting minutes)

First Things First Updates:

- Pleased with Community Forum
- Activities and Upcoming Events handout
- Regional Partnership Meetings completed/ no others scheduled
- Gila County does not have Focus Group scheduled; Teen parents Focus Group scheduled in AJ.
- ECDH busy hiring staff and obtaining office and materials
- Regions are not defined yet, deadline is February
- Want system in place before receiving program funding

Gila county Assessment

- Sources to gather statistics in Gila County
- Healthy Families has info on teen parents and # of children
- CAP may have data
- School district has disabilities numbers for K-4 and numbers from CACFP

Membership

- Reach out to other cities and communities (Pin, Wheat Fields, Star Valley, Top of the World, Miami, Winkelman, Central Heights, Roosevelt Estates, Pumpkin Center, Kearny, Little Acres, San Carlos, Tonto Basin, Strawberry, Periodot, Claypool, Rye, Green Acres, Christopher Creek, Dripping Springs)

Other News & Next 30 days:

- Cassandra (TA specialist) unable to attend today
- Charity's last meeting ☹️ (may attend some)
- Media releases
 - Inpayson.com
 - Copper Basin, Copper County, Silver Belt, and Round Up newspapers
 - Radio: Globe HS radio, KIKO, Payson radio station
- Partnership Training
 - Defined PARTNERSHIP
 - Brainstormed ideas to build on our partnership:
 - Discuss the Common Goal and make a plan
 - Needs & Available resources
 - Proposal writing training
 - Identify funding sources and availability
 - Early childhood "status" in Gila Co.
 - Brain Development Research information sharing and training
 - Advocacy Training (how to make a Presentation and an Impact)
 - Building a Committee training
 - Open discussions of Partnership Building
 - Public Awareness/ Marketing
- Gila County Resource Booklet
 - Possibly to build on Kim's resource book
 - Possible have separate provider and family resource books
- Partnership By-Laws (tabled)

- Readiness Kits
 - United Way Mesa
 - Families with 3-5 year olds
 - 50/50 English/Spanish (may change)
 - Grant approved for all of Gila County
 - Goal: Explain the purpose of the kit to parents
 - Potential stipend for parents who report feedback

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, September 18th 9:30am-12:00 at the Globe Elks Lodge.
- Meetings will maintain the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Elks Lodge.