

Gila Early Education Partnership Meeting Minutes

Meeting date 9/18/07

Meeting time 9:30 to 12:00

Location: Joe's Broad Street Grill Globe

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: Melanie O'Neil, Ashley Pascual, Claudine Sabel
- Ricki Williams, Globe HS
- Ann Tolman, Miami EHS/HS
- Shana Schenck, Horizon Human Services (Healthy Families)
- Lynne Winans, Payson HS
- Francine Sharp, DES Child Care
- Kim Robinson, AZ Children's Assoc. (grandparents raising grandchildren)
- Gary Grounds, State Farm Insurance
- Dora Duarte, District 5 DES Child Care
- Margret Celix, CCR&R

What I want to learn today:

- Get more info on the partnership
- Update for Gila partnership and state
- Catch up
- Learn about partnerships in other counties

Health and Safety:

- Health Subcommittee will not be formed yet
- Gary has contacted professor at the U of A, and a Dean at GCC
- Children are coming in to school unscreened, and screenings are too late
- Some doctors telling parents "they will grow out of it"
- Training is needed for physicians
- Few pediatricians (more in the Payson area)
- How to get more information to general practitioners
- Dr. Rice at the U of A wants to help with educating pediatricians on developmental issues. Need to find way to conference call at meetings. Ages and Stages 30 minute test.
- Dr. Steve- GCC nursing school- may be able to do screenings. Include in Globe Health Fair
- Gary is Rotary and Lyons club member- may be able to assist with transportation. Complex transportation may be issue.
- Payson has more pediatricians and a pregnancy center
- Payson has early screening at the health fair

- Sun Life clinic use students/ internships. They are in Mammoth 1 day/ wk
- Recognized need for early intervention background and the importance of early identification
- Cobre Valley Health Fair Oct 27 10am-2:00. No ECE screening
- Kim talked about presenting info at Moms' groups
- Ashley will see about getting booth at the Health Fair. Gary will help with marketing, and will get coloring books and crayons.
- Kim will develop a quick and easy screening tool
- Present info at health fair: "Babies can't wait" www.firstsigns.org, Birth to Five 1-800 help line
- Ann and Ricki will operate booth at Health Fair
- Head Start will provide a kid's activity (to keep busy while parents complete screening tool)
- Gary will talk to the college
- Mini Health Fair was discussed to be held at elementary schools before pick-up time
- Presentation at school's faculty meetings
- Addressing "What is in it for me?" question

First Things First:

- Handouts given out: Regional Admin flow chart; application process; regional boundaries and sovereignty of tribes; Members of the Counsel
- AZCDH Board Meeting in Phoenix Sept 26th
- ECDH busy hiring staff and obtaining office and materials

Website:

- Member/Contact list will be added with Name, Agency, Email
- Possibly add pictures?

Payson:

- Payson expressed wanting to be separate, or having separate sub-committee
- Map of Gila County with towns highlighted shows an even spread between northern and southern Gila Co.
- Discussed participating through conference call
- Discussed every-other month rotation
- Little participation from Payson so far, could be due to distance
- No conclusion yet

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:

- Plan for Globe Health Fair
- Get person from AzEIP & DDD on team (Debbie Hammer)
- More participation from: Male / grandfather / Parent
- Northern Gila county outreach meeting (Payson)
- Lynne will get Payson info to Ashley
- Suggestion was made to look in to VISTA volunteers

Resource Lists:

- Globe, Miami, and Payson Head Start parents' resource lists
- Kim emailed Resource Book

Partnership Influence Activity:

Skittles	
YELLOW- Name 1 Strength and 1 Need of the Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STRENGTH – So many people involved to do 0-5; Partnership; Willing Partners• NEED – Need to connect; Spread awareness of children's needs; serve whole Gila Community
RED- What is your role in the partnership?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to serve others; Linking; use my/agency resources; marketing; identifying resources
GREEN- What do you feel is the most important goal for this partnership?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GOAL – raise community awareness of what children in Gila county need and are lacking
ORANGE- How do you feel about the partnership after our meeting today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come a long way – getting more information on what is going on• Connections with the colleges is a good building block• Feel encouraged with a common goal• Business rep aspect is good• Feel a better sense of mission
PURPLE- How have you educated your community in the changes with Early Childhood Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 15 years with Early Childhood focus and spreading word of early intervention

Suggestions:

- Allow time on agenda for networking/announcements.
- Liked the lunch at Joe's.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, October 16th 9:30am-12:00
- Meetings will maintain the 3rd Tuesday of every month
- Locations discussed: Gila Community College in Globe (if able to use telephone conference system); will provide light refreshments if at GCC; possibly be back at Joe's. City location will be discussed at the next meeting.