

Family, Friends and Neighbors Steering Committee Call Notes May 18, 2006

Attendance: Jackie Thurnau, Vicki McCarty, Toni Porter, Susan Wilkins, Eva Marie Shivers, Rena Rice, Dawn Ramsburg, Rae Anderson, Pam Runkle, Sarah O'Campo, Elizabeth Iris Rivera

Possibilities

- Sparking Connections and a family, friend and neighbor resource network from Seattle want to meld with NAFFNCC
- NAFFNCC would serve as the umbrella voice for family, friend and neighbor care
- Strategic plan is needed
- Proposal: Hook up with people from Seattle and Nina (from United Way) and develop a strategic plan with goals and outcomes for the next year
- AIM: to have two outcomes that we can achieve readily
- Policy change and research
- Try to agree on three objectives
 - Possibility for funding (earmark for Child Development Fund)
 - Research
 - Increasing awareness
- Week of June 19th there will be a conference call, and from then on, there will be a Strategic Planning Committee

Updates from committees

- Meeting Committee (Rae Anderson and Justine Strickland)
 - In connection to NAEYC in Atlanta, Georgia
 - Justine Strickland is working on the logistics
 - She has identified a few locations in Atlanta, one of which is a Head Start Center with start of the art facilities
 - The registration fee will depend on the costs of the facility
 - Dawn Ramsburg suggested talking to Chris Todd about a venue
 - There are three smaller subgroups
 - 1) Research – Kerry Caverly and Jill Bailey,
 - 2) Program and best practice – Vicki McCarty and Sarah O'Campo, and 3) Policy and policy implication – Susan Walker and Mary Beth Salomone
 - Three or four people are working in each subgroup
 - They are working on the topics and getting presenters for the panel
- Research committee (Dawn Ramsburg and Eva Marie Shivers)
 - Identified main goals
 - Maintaining and increasing the number of family, friend and neighbor researchers
 - Publishing and presenting more often about more places
 - Aggregate large datasets and see if there is any interest in a large study
 - Reach out to universities and PhD programs (Education, Human Ecology, Sociology, etc.)

- Look at special interest groups
- Add questions about data collection to the Kith and Kin survey
- Finding out the logistics of coordinating data
- Figure out what types of cross-site data we could collect
- Suggest protocol for family, friend and neighbor data collection
- Anticipated timeline needed
- Publications committee (Rena Rice and Donna Harris-Aikens)
 - Rena Rice suggested that the Program and Best Practices subgroup of the Meeting committee write a 1000 word summary as part of the e-journal

Preparing for the Kids Count Release

- Use the NAFFNCC framing statement
- Keep a record of what we are trying to do as a response

Miscellaneous

- Please inform the rest of the steering committee of future presentations so it can be publicized on the NAFFNCC website

The next call will be Tuesday, June 13th at 1:00 p.m. EST.