



Nurse Family Partnership Kalamazoo County

Advisory Council

August 25th, 2009

10:00 AM to 11:10 AM

- Welcome and Introductions – John Risley (Greater Kalamazoo United Way)
- Round Table Sharing/Current issues for 0-3 programs in Kalamazoo County
 - Great Start Readiness Program funding in jeopardy. Please make an effort to support early childhood funding
 - Caring Network pregnancy prevention funding cut as of July 1. Teen Parenting Program will continue on a smaller basis
 - Healthy Babies Healthy Start doing very well. New 5 year grant was awarded. New education and case management professionals have been added to team. HBHS has a satellite office at Bronson Methodist Hospital (will be able to provide Spanish speaking services to clients at BMH)
- Advisory Council Advocacy Plan – John Risley & Rachael Tanner (ISAAC)
 - NFP has several supporters to help restore NFP into the state budget, Please continue to support the program with calls/letters to Lansing
 - Contingency funding from the Kalamazoo Board of Commissioners for NFP may be available through December 31, 2009
 - Other Michigan NFP sites working to keep programs going
 - Detroit NFP at the Health Dept closed. Looking for another agency to continue the program.
 - Benton Harbor expecting to continue program through community funding and grants
 - Grand Rapids using county transferred funds to keep program going
 - Pontiac looking uncertain of continued funding
 - Saginaw area looking to start NFP program in the future with Federal monies
- NFP Team Growth and Development of Expertise
 - Nursing team completed Units 1-4 of core NFP training

- Improved expertise in infant mental health issues through monthly reflective practice sessions with Dr. Doug Davies
 - Expanded knowledge of racial issues through attendance of ERACE/CE, Annual Summit on Racism trainings as well as ongoing discussions
 - Competent in using NFP guidelines and forms in client care
 - Strong supportive relationships between team members allow nurses to support our vulnerable clients
 - Continue to provide exceptional client service while dealing with uncertain times
 - See power point presentation for client and program data
- NFP 1 year celebration – Client Success Stories (NFP Nurses and Families)
- Conclusion & Thank You – Michelle Datema (NFP Program Supervisor)
 - Collaborations for referrals & care coordination: regularly receive referrals and have working relationship for care coordination with Bronson Women’s Health, Antepartum & NICU; Family Health Center; Healthy Babies Healthy Start; Interfaith Apartments; Kalamazoo Central, Loy Norrix High Schools and WIC offices located at HCS and FHC.
 - Relationships for care coordination with Borgess Women’s/MIHP, Gentiva/MIHP, Caring Network, Community Healing Center, and MSU Extension
 - Attended multiple community events to promote awareness of program: Boys & Girls Club Parent Support Meeting, Black Arts Festival, National Night Out, Interfaith Community Picnic, Tales on the Trails, Let’s Talk About it Girls Home, Party in the Park as well as several churches and community agencies.
 - Thank you for your support of the program!
 - **Next Advisory Council Meeting: November 10th at 10am at the United Way [Please note changed date]**