

Families and Communities United Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes
11/17/2011
3:30 – 5:30 PM

Attendance: Denise Hoffman (Chair), Mike Byers, Mike Danner, Cindy Gore and Catherine Collins-McDaniels (Minutes)

On Phone: Erin Troup

Review of Action Plan

Adjustments will be made on this

Outreach Committee

Membership Committee

FCU Survey to Advisory Board Members

Website Updates

Families and Communities United Discussion Board, “Chat It Up” or “Let’s Talk” – catchy phrase – group consensus is for Chat It Up Suggestions

“United Conversations”

Would like to add a discussion board to the website

Usage

Families looking for support in a specific area

Resources, services, community events, etc.

“My Journey” – group likes the name

Posting stories from parents that have been involved in the system – featured story per quarter

Use on the home page so that it draws someone into the website

How long will the story be up and available?

Not use this as a place to vent

Co-Chair for Families and Communities United Advisory Board (handouts – letter and survey) – volunteer

Hold off on this discussion until group is larger

New Members

Tracey Folks

We have all of her references

Thomas “Tom” Hearn

Currently working on the references

Website Committee

Marketing Strategies

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Brochures sent out with cover letter and FCU application
Kinship Care Discussion in Philadelphia
Trauma Informed Care Group – passed out brochures during meeting
Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program Labs – other places to put information about recruiting

Parent Engagement

Family Group Decision Making

Family Engagement Survey for the counties
Given to Brandie Gilbert and Christina Fatzinger
Need to get the final approval

Events/Open Discussion

Kinship Care Panel Discussion – Philadelphia – Denise Hoffman

Good presentation; grandparents as caretakers mostly in attendance

Statewide Adoption Network (SWAN) Winter Statewide – Wednesday, January 25 & 26, 2012 – Penn Stater Conference Center, 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, Pennsylvania

Need Proposals for workshops

Action Step: Cindy will send the information on the proposals to Erin.

Audience is primarily for staff who work in the adoption field for the county or a private provider who work with older youth.

Quality Service Review – Philadelphia – Denise

First round of Quality Service Review – will review 25 cases – Denise will be participating with this team
Will submit results in mid-December

2011 Children's Roundtable Mini-Summit

Change..... Teaming Up for a Brighter Future – Thursday, December 8, 2011 – Pinecrest Country Club, Brookville, PA – 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Western Region event – Steve Edison, Cal Kulik and Brant Duda (Youth Ambassador)

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Zero to Three – Webinar

Big push to interact with the judges concerning making court decisions for families; things that child advocates and courts need to be aware of
Tons of resources here

Action Step: Erin will send this out to the advisory group.

Friends

Webinars dealing with teens parenting, has many models for stopping teen pregnancy

Addressing services and supports

Resources from event

Action Step: Cindy will send out the information to the board

Discussions are now onto talking to teens to plan second pregnancies, versus discussing birth control options

Next event training is “Engaging Teen Dads”

Satisfaction Survey

Sent out again

Got 6 surveys back so far

Date of Next Meeting: December 15, 3:30 – 5:30 PM