



## **Building Bright Futures Springfield Regional Council Monthly Meeting**

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, September 10th, 2015 | Location: Springfield Area Parent Child Center

**Present:** Kim Kiniry, Leigh Dakin, Gladys Collins, Lynn Boyle, Vicky Senni, Jill Raponotti, Stacey Sanderson, Emilie Kornheiser, Molly Ogelsby, Jan Crow, Nicole Willey

### **News and Announcements:**

- Let's Grow Kids Updates: Vicky introduced herself as the new Southern Vermont Field Coordinator, Blue Ribbon Commission has begun.
- Digital StoryTelling Workshop will be held 9/30 in Brattleboro and 11/4 in Rutland "Come learn to tell great stories through a mix of video and still image, audio and text, and how to weave social media into the mix to connect to your audience. In this active workshop we will share simple stories using a variety of digital tools while exploring examples of effective storytelling for the small nonprofit."
- Child Focus Forum 9/24 8:30-10:00 DHMC Auditorium F "We will begin the meeting with a recap from Kathy Stocker from the Boyle Community Pediatrics who will give us an overview of a presentation that will be presented at DHMC on Wednesday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm in Auditorium H at DHMC. The presentation on Sept 16th will include the PBS special: The Raising of America and a panel discussion, regarding the well-being of children in the U.S. and why we lag behind other less-developed countries."
- Stacey got trained in Preventing Teen Rx Misuse and is now able to do a 1 hour training, see attached sheet to learn more.

### **Children Are Learning**

- Discussed what the small group brainstormed for children are learning and added to them
- The ideas were:
  - Specialized education for unregulated providers by first building up trust with relationship building activities
  - Creating reading nooks in places where children go (WIC clinics, laundry mats)
  - Windsor County Calendar (see how the Windham one goes first)
  - Create a 1 page sheet or book of resources like a "pocket guide"
    - Can see if different grocery stores and dollar stores will stuff them in bags during the week of the young child.
  - Parenting classes targeted at pregnant women
  - First book program making sure to include a sheet about how to use this book
  - Evening or weekend story times and play groups
  - Outings for families (geocaching)

- Story hour at unregulated and regulated centers where the volunteer brings a book for each child and the center
- Incorporate literacy into non-traditional locations (grocery stores, mechanics) doesn't have to be a book
- Educate on appropriate media use (timing apps)
- Center for the Book and Vermont Humanities Council opportunity
- Inter-generational
- Welcome Baby Bags
- Low literacy activities
- Strengthen relationship between school and early care providers
- Model and educate on holistic kindergarten readiness
- Regularly scheduled free family friendly events that incorporate but education opportunities.

### **Promise Community Information (Emilie)**

- Last cohort of promise community's application was open in January and communities were picked in March and April
- You can look online for the successful applications at the CDD website ([http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/promise\\_communities](http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/promise_communities))
- The Promise Community staff is not necessarily looking for an existing group or entity but instead a community who wants to work together for a common cause and who want to be a Promise Community
- It really is a community lead process. The first year is about building relationships, doing a community needs assessment. What questions need to be asked? What has happened in the past in these communities?
- The second year is more for action.
- The group or person who applied is not necessarily who will be the fiscal agent, this is chosen after activities are selected, or who is in charge of the initiative because it is all driven by the community.
- Promise Communities are a trendy thing right now. They are also known as transformation zones.
  - They are geographic place based initiative. Communities decide the location that is the promise community
- Promise Communities are for ALL FAMILIES
- Emilie will let us know when applications are ready.

***The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 8th from 9:00-10:30 at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center.***

***The small group for Children are Healthy will be meeting Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 at HCRS.***

***The small group for Children are Supported will be meeting Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center.***