

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3/30/2010 – 2:00-3:30 PM at Catholic Charities

In Attendance:

Paul J. Bisnette	Silas Bronson Library
Linda Janowitz	WYSS
Gisele Booker	Catholic Charities
Barbara Tacchi	WSRC-WPS
Lori Hart	BTS
Yahaira Rosario	WYSS

Meeting Notes:

General Discussion:

3 new Community Schools were discussed

- Family Resource Centers
- Gilmartin Pre-K-8th grade - Anne Marie Cullinan asked us to coordinate with the school once the principal is hired
- Our focus will be set up Family Resource Center at Gilmartin
- There are 7 components for family resource center

CAHS- Now Chase Family Resource Center

Catholic Charities- new screening that is intended to provided info to other agencies: WIC SNAP< Care 4 Kids, Earned Income Credit, Husky.

- Earned Benefit Screening Tool- EBO

Should be in all HUBS, one stop shopping - Completing application enables staff to provide additional in for motion..

Potential Pilot Cohort locations for Family Hubs were discussed

1. Gilmartin
2. Sprague School/Waterville Recreation Center
3. Partner with Intake Center (in Wachovia Building)
4. Partner with Catholic Charities
5. WOW
6. Berkeley Warner
7. North End
8. Family Services
9. Hispanic Coalition
10. Target or Shop Rite
11. Now (New Opportunities)
12. Wilson FRC
13. Chase FRC
14. Maloney Community Center
15. PAL
16. Brookline Section

The Committee outlined what they thought a Community/Neighborhood Hub should look like:

<p><u>Space/Resource</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readiness Assessment • 1000 SF • Need privacy for counseling • Utilities (phones, Internet, etc) • Rest Room • Handicap accessible • Copier Machine, Computer • Furnishings • Secure/Security • Card visibility/signage • Accessibility (Day & Evening Hrs) • Staff / knowledge, friendly • Refrigerator • Microwave • Coffeepot • Services/Good Clean Environment 	<p><u>Integrated Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-institutional • Child play are • Water Feature • Multi or bilingu al staff • Non- threatening • Non- judgmental • Intergenerational Programs • Large enough entrance areas • Play area small. • People chair • Team Work
<p><u>Core Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening Tool for eligibility for state services • Data Management • Assist family fulfilling basic need • Home Visit • Tools specific to family demographic, culture, education, dental health behavior. • Assist Family Focuses • 40 Developmental Assets 	<p><u>Systemic/Sustainability</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and procedures in place • Confidentiality Policy • 10 Source of funding <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify location • Interview Questions • Assessment Phone/Personal • List off parent for next meeting

Next Steps:

- Linda will code locations, then we will look at areas missing to assure we cover all geographical areas
- Barbara will work with Paul to create a needs survey
- A parent should review final readiness survey

Next Meeting: April 29th 2:00- 3:30pm (assure that CHDC mtg doesn't conflict)