



Pickaway County
**Family and Children First Council
Newsletter**

**Meeting
Schedule**

Nov. 15, 2007
Jan. 17, 2008
March 20, 2008
May 15, 2008

Family and Children First Council have recently formed two new ad hoc committees:

The Dental Committee has been formed in response to the PfS Needs Assessment Report. The Dental Committee is currently researching the feasibility of providing a "Safety Net Dental Clinic" in Pickaway County to increase access to dental services. Dave Hannahs and Dr. Tom Long are co-chairing this committee.

The Assets Committee has been formed as a result of discussions during the Strategic Action Identification process of PfS. The committee is researching past activities of the Youth Asset Builders Committee, collecting local resources, and developing a plan for the committee. Michele Lanman (United Way) and Angela Gomez (YMCA) are co-chairing this committee.

FCFC members are encouraged to participate as well as other community members interested in these specific topics. Contact Wilma for more info.

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Please submit pictures, agency updates, or important dates to Debbie Hoffman
(debbie.hoffman@pickawayesc.org)

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS:

The Early Childhood Coordinating Committee met on September 21 for the Annual Meeting with nineteen members making a commitment to early childhood efforts in our county. Time was spent in committees (Birth to Three, Preschool, and Medical) reviewing progress during the past year, determining new goals and activities, and addressing any training needs. A common theme with all three committees is educating pediatricians, doctors, and area hospitals about services available to children and families. A collaborative approach to address this goal will benefit all agencies, meet child find requirements, and avoid duplication of services! The Preschool Committee will be addressing the problem families have with providing birth certificates in order to receive services. The Medical Committee will be addressing access to infant classes for lower income families. The Birth to Three Committee will continue to work on child find activities and the HMG program self review tool. These are only a few of the great ideas generated at the meeting. Our ECCC has committed its scope to include services for children birth to five years of age and all local agencies, schools, and organizations serving this age are encouraged to attend meetings. Meeting dates are: November 16, 2007, January 18, 2008, February 15, 2008, April 18, 2008, and June 20, 2008.



The Implementation Workgroup has met to determine Implementation Procedures and Major Resource Requirements for the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan addresses the continuation of the Intensive School-Based Case Manager program implemented last year at Everts and McDowell Middle School. Because of limited funding, the Workgroup decided to support the case manager position at Everts Middle School. Circleville City Schools will be matching PfS funds for the position. The PfS Coordinator will continue to seek funds for expansion of the current plan.

Work will continue to develop and implement Outcome Evaluation for the Intensive School-Based Case Manager Program. A Mobilization and Social Marketing Plan will be submitted to address sustainability. This includes sustaining the Strategic Action Plan and the Partnerships for Success process. If you are interested in participating in this phase of the grant, please call Debbie Hoffman at 474-7529.

A big thank you goes out to all members attending the Family and Children First Council Retreat in June. The time was well spent to develop a family-friendly mission and guidelines. Please take time to think about our mission and realize that this collaboration makes Pickaway County a wonderful place to raise children

Mission:

The Pickaway County Family and Children First Council is a community collaboration which coordinates services to support and empower children and families.

Guiding Principles:

- *Collaborate to provide effective, accessible, and efficient services for children and families.*
- *Affirm that all families are partners in defining the issues as well as planning the solutions.*
- *Focus on prevention and the family's strengths, priorities, and concerns.*
- *Develop community awareness of the various systems that provide services and supports.*
- *Ensure family-centered, culturally sensitive, individualized services and supports.*

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