



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

### Meeting Schedule

March 15, 2007

May 17, 2007

July 19, 2007

Sept. 20, 2007

Nov. 15, 2007

We would like to extend a big thank you to Rosemary Starkey for all the time, work, and effort she gave this past year as FCFC Chairperson. ( and also for the previous years as Secretary and Vice Chairperson). It is not just showing up and leading the meetings - Rosemary gave time to the Executive Committee meetings, Partnerships for Success trainings, and Ohio FCFC trainings. Rosemary is a great partner in the collaborative efforts to make our county a place where children and families thrive! Again, thank you Rosemary!

#### Let Our Voice Be Heard

It is important that we take every opportunity to make our legislators aware of our concerns about future funding for programs that serve families and children in Pickaway County. I have made an appointment to meet with Senator Carey on February 21<sup>st</sup> and am preparing fact sheets to present to him. If you have information that you would like to have included please Email them to me no later then Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at BEERMW@odjfs.state.oh.us

Please watch your Emails for information concerning an upcoming opportunity for you to meet and talk with our legislators.

#### Parent Advisory and Support Group

This group meets the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30pm at the Pickaway County YMCA on Nicholas Drive. Childcare is available in the Y Family Center. Attendance has grown to average 11 parents with diverse interest and concerns. At the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Melissa Benson, an attorney for Southeastern Ohio Legal Aid Services, will share information on services available through their agency for families. There is always time for discussion and for members to get to know each other. New members are always welcome.

### COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

The building staff at Everts Middle School has implemented PAW (Positive Attitudes Work) groups. The groups of 11-12 students meet with their staff mentor every Wednesday for 20 minutes. The staff mentors included teachers, administrators, secretaries, and even the head cook! It gives each student in the building an adult mentor who is always available to assist them in tough decisions, both school related and non-school related. The adult mentor also makes positive comments on Report Cards and Interim Reports. Parents have commented on how they appreciate the staff taking a genuine interest in the well-being of their child.

When the students were surveyed about the frequency of the meetings, the students responded overwhelmingly to continue meeting once a week. They enjoy the sessions and actually look forward to meetings each week. One student was reported saying, "It is what gets me to school on time on Wednesdays!"

What an asset building activity - great job to the building staff of Everts Middle School. Search Institute includes, "Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults" as an external asset from the 40 Developmental Assets.



The Needs Assessment Workgroup has completed their phase for the PfS process with a Final Report and by prioritizing a long term outcome, intermediate-term outcome, and short-term outcomes. The Final Report is a document that will be shared for agencies to use with strategic planning, implementing programs, and for seeking grant funds. The outcomes chosen for PfS will also be used for the FCFC Annual Plan due in July 2007 as mandated by HB289. The outcomes are:

- Long-Term Outcome – Children and Youth Succeed in School
- Intermediate-Term Outcome – Increase Percentage of Students Passing Achievement Tests
- Short-Term Outcomes – Adult Monitoring and/or Supervision  
Consistent, Age-Appropriate Discipline  
Family Members Value Education  
Significant Attachment to Pro-Social Adult

***Mark your calendars.....***

- February 20 – Framework for Understanding Poverty training (contact -Brenda McMahon, 474-7529)
- February 23 – PfS Resource Assessment Kick-Off (contact- Debbie Hoffman, 474-7529)
- March 2 – Teen Task Force (contact-Christy Mills, 474-5383)
- March 15 – FCFC Meeting (contact-Wilma Beerman, 474-3105, ext 701)
- March 16 – Early Collaborative Coordinating Committee (contact-Donna Solovey, 474-7411)
- April 12 – National Youth Service Day (contact - Michele Lanman, 477-8171)
- April 14 – Health Kids Day at the YMCA (contact Diana Green, 477-1661)
- April 18 – FCFC Executive Committee Meeting (contact - Wilma Beerman, 474-3105, ext 701)
- April 18 – Community Resource Workshop (contact - Joy Ewing, 474-7588, ext 230)
- April 20 – Early Collaborative Coordinating Committee (contact-Donna Solovey, 474-7411)
- April 27 – Faith-Based and Community Summit (contact-Joy Ewing, 474-3105, ext 230)
- May 3 – Bridges Out of Poverty training (contact-Debbie Hoffman, 474-7529)

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