



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

Meeting Schedule

Nov. 16, 2006
 Jan. 18, 2007
 March 15, 2007
 May 17, 2007
 June 21, 2007
 August 16, 2007

The Pickaway County Family and Children First **Parent Advisory Committee** is recruiting new members as they prepare for a very active year. Members of the committee include parents of children with special needs, parents of children with exceptional talents and skills, and parents of typical children. Also represented are grandparents raising grandchildren, foster parents, adoptive parents, single parents, and any member of the community with a strong interest and commitment to families and children. The committee serves as a voice for the diverse needs of families in Pickaway County. It also serves as a resource for information and support for other parents in the community.

If you know of parents that would be interested in serving on this committee please have them contact Connie and Mike Hardesty at (740) 474-7129 or Wilma Beerman at (614) 565- 5698.

"It Only Takes A Spark"

This faith-based and community group was formed to build a stronger community through the creative partnership of individuals, faith-based and other community services. You are encouraged to join them to recognize the common mission of faith-based and community groups in serving adults, children, and families, and to celebrate the progress of the Summit workgroups.

SUMMIT CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 3, 2006

9:00 – 12:00

BROOKS YATES SOUTH – 1005 SOUTH PICKAWAY STREET

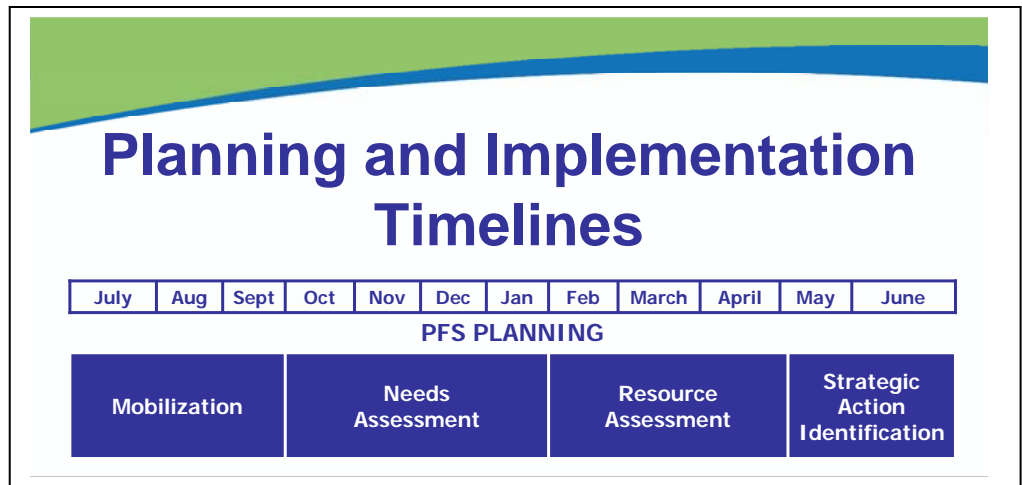
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS:

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a committee of 24 Pickaway County teens from six local high schools (Logan Elm, Teays Valley, Fairfield Christian Academy, Fisher Catholic, Circleville, and Home School). The YAC was formed through a partnership between Pickaway County Community Foundation and Ohio State University Extension. Funds to start the project were granted from the Pickaway County Community Foundation of which the endowment will be used to support local charitable projects. The YAC will be reviewing and granting awards ranging from \$500 to \$2000.

The role of YAC:

- To assess needs, assets, and priorities for area youth
- To develop recommendations for distribution of grant funds from the Youth Fund
- To promote volunteerism and youth leadership
- To increase the size of the Youth Fund through fund development activities



A guiding principle of PFS is to involve and engage the entire community to plan and develop a strategic action plan that meets the needs of our county. If you have not committed yet, would like to participate, or know someone that would like to participate, please contact Debbie Hoffman at debbie.hoffman@pickawayesc.org.

BLUEPRINT GRANT

Brenda McMahon has been hired by Family and Children First to coordinate this grant. She reports the following activity:

1. The Bridges Out of Poverty Training, “A Framework for Understanding Poverty” has been scheduled for February 20, 2007 from 8:30 – 3:30 at Crossroads Church. This is geared toward educators and there are limited spots available. Contact Brenda at 477-6781 for information.
2. The Blueprint Steering Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 (lunch provided!) in the 2nd floor meeting room of the County Service Office. If you are wondering what Blueprint is all about – feel free to attend!
3. Members of the Blueprint Steering Committee and the principals of McDowell Exchange School and Everts Middle School are currently interviewing six candidates for the Care Team Intensive School-based Case Managers (one to be hired for each school).

Mark your calendars.....

A Community-wide Training for Bridges Out of Poverty coordinated by the “It Takes a Spark” Faith-based and Community Group Summit and funded by JFS and Berger Health System will be held on May 3, 2007. Crossroads Church will be providing the meeting space at their facility on Tarlton Road. If you have not attended a training, mark your calendar and share this information with colleagues and friends. More info to come.....

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