

**Allegheny County Coalition for Recovery
Child and Family Recovery and Resiliency Committee
Minutes
March 2010**

The next ACCR Child and Family Committee is scheduled for **Thursday April 29th from 2pm – 4pm** at our usual location at **the Mental Health Association**. MHA will be moving to East Liberty in June, so the committee will be planning for a change of location soon.

We would also like to update you all on the committee's very busy month of March and other accomplishments since our last meeting in February.

We had an opportunity to **showcase the our Recovery/Resiliency Toolkit** in the Resource Room at **Community Care's Recovery Conference "Creating Hope – Developing Communities of Care for Children, Youth, Young Adults and Families"** on **Tuesday March 23rd**, 2010. **Over 450 people attended** with representatives from behavioral health provider agencies, child welfare, education, juvenile probation as well as many family members, youth and people in recovery.

Thanks to Denise, Meg, Doreen, Nneka, Deb and Ryan for taking turns covering the table during the day. There was much interest in learning more about ACCR. We gathered information from over 30 providers interested in receiving a copy of the toolkit, as well as training on recovery/resiliency.

On **Saturday March 27th**, members of **the committee** convened at Community Care's office to assemble our Recovery/Resiliency Toolkits. Denise Weis, Meg Park, Deb Ferraro, Ryan Turner, Chris Weis, Nneka Hawthorne and Sherry Shaffer **assembled 200 toolkits** in less than 2 hours, in preparation for rolling out the toolkits this summer. A big thank you to the assembly crew for a fun and productive morning!

Then on **April 9th**, **Ryan Turner and Rachel Kallem presented our Introduction to Recovery/Resilience training** to the **Conference of Allegheny Providers (CAP) Children's Committee**. Thank you to Deb Ferraro for arranging this opportunity and to Ryan and Rachel for their usual star tag team performance. Their presentation solicited much interest for additional presentations/trainings to larger provider staff groups, which we will discuss at our April Committee meeting.

So we have much success to celebrate and planning to do at our next committee meeting. Hope to see you all on April 29th!

Sherry