

ACCR Child and Family Committee
Meeting Summary
April 5, 2005

Present: Wes Sowers, Victoria Livingstone, Sherry Shaffer, Dianne Hartman, Fred Fowler, Barbara Brewton, Trish Burton, Nancy Reed, Deb Freeman, Steve Jewel, Sue Marone.

We began with introductions and we had two new participants (Trish and Barbara) both family members, and we welcomed them with enthusiasm. Sharri Morris, Tammy Marsico, Jan Boyd and Aurelia Carter had indicated that they would be unable to make the meeting.

We gave a brief review of the coalition and the committee for those who were unfamiliar with it. We noted that the focus of this meeting would be to think about how we would move forward following the training given during our last meeting. Steve noted that the training was very helpful and allowed him to solidify his ideas about what we are talking about. He wondered whether we would do something similar related to resilience. We discussed the guidelines a bit and agreed that it might be helpful for everyone to review them again and to take some time to discuss them at our next meeting.

We went on to discuss recruitment and the possible development of a family event. There was some very positive feedback related to the training completed at our previous meeting. People felt that the personal accounts were very powerful. It was suggested that the training could be used with families and could be a good way to engage them. We discussed what our goals are in terms of getting increased involvement. Most agreed that a large, PR type event would not really be a good way to get people involved with the committee. We discussed some more focused approaches. We identified several stakeholders who should be represented in setting direction for this group. We assigned members to contact these stakeholders to solicit their participation.

Youth:	Youth Outreach Union	Wes
Schools:	Int. Unit, Public Schools	Dianne
Early Intervention:	Alliance of Infants and Toddlers	Deb F
Family:	Office of Child Development	Sherry
	Family Sup.Ctrs.; Fed of Families	Fred

We agreed that we would contact these groups prior to the next meeting, and invite them to participate if possible. We will also enquire about optimal meeting times for those who would like to participate.

Prior to the next meeting we will also review the Recovery-Resiliency Cross walk so we can discuss it. The next meeting is scheduled for 5/12/05 at 12:30 PM at MHA.

