

Current Work in Progress – BY5 & Community

May 2016

Goal 1 – Create and Maintain the Infrastructure of BY5

- Essential Skills Checklist for Kindergarteners –
 - ALL MCS & Wes Del for 2015
 - Adding Cowan and Daleville 2016
- Multiple “collateral” pieces created about the importance of Early Childhood
 - Marketing
- BY5 Network – created to connect individuals, businesses and community to the work. Multiple opportunities for involvement.
 - Concern- many people shying away from “commitment”

Goal 2 – Support Families in Delaware County

- Assisted with MCS, Wes-Del and Cowan’s Kindergarten registration events. Daleville gave material. ALL sites noted increase in number of children registered.
- READY SET READ program pop up reading sessions in public places where children and families already are.
 - 33 ready readers trained
 - 1900 books distributed since July 2015 and 700+ children Have had a story read to them.
 - Concerns – maintaining momentum without dedicated personnel. Difficult to get volunteers to commit.
- “Cops and Books” – working with Delaware County Sheriff’s department to equip them with books to distribute when making home visits or on routes.
- BY5 Family Navigator Network – goal – be the source connecting families to needed resources. Engaging diverse partners to sign on to network. Targeted recruitment works best. 30+ people have attended orientation, 15+ people have signed on to the password protected site. Website up and running
 - Concern – will take a dedicated staff to really bring Family Navigators to it’s full potential.

Goal 3 – Advocate for High Quality Early Learning Environments

- Kickoff to Kindergarten-
 - 6 sites this summer in Muncie Community Schools - volunteers needed
 - Wes-Del conducting a 6 day kickoff to kindergarten program as well

- MCS has included Preschool as a part of Strategic Plan for the future
- Wes Del exploring option for providing Preschool in the fall of 2016
- Working with Suzanne Gresham Center/Huffer CCCR&r on an “Early Childhood Behavioral Support System for Delaware County”. Initial planning stages of system

Goal 4 – Promote Healthy Children

- Nurse Family Partnership - Enrolling new families since November 2015. Currently 45 families between Delaware & Madison County
 - Potential concern – would like to see an increase in referrals in Delaware County
- Early Evaluation Hub up and running at Meridian – Local site for physicians to refer if developmental screenings indicate possible concern. Full assessment at Meridian.
- Help Me Grow BY5 – Community Wide Developmental Screening Event – June 18, 2016 10-1 Southside Middle School.
 - 9 community members trained in Ages & Stages, hope to deploy at different events throughout the community.
- Secured funds and collaboration with Systems of Care and Huffer/CCR&R to provide train the trainer session for “Incredible Years” evidence based parent workshops, train the trainer in the fall, sessions begin in January 2017
- Convened group to coordinate – Nature Play Days events throughout Delaware County. 43 different events happening throughout the county.

Goal 5 – Encourage Supportive Communities

- Little Free Libraries – 5 Pilot sites up in November. 5 more complete this Spring with Birthday celebrations on June 9th, multiple more sites in the pipeline. Other agencies supporting the effort – Altrusa (working to put multiple in a year), United Way – Day of Caring events.
- Crib to K Task – Force – Training “BY5 Caring Community” complete- trainer secured. Planning roll out. Goal of training is to improve the communities understanding of the critical importance of early childhood experiences and how they shape our lives.
- Stewards of Children Training – Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (Prevent Child Abuse). Started offering free trainings in February 2016. To date more than 30 people have been trained with multiple trainings offered in next few months.

Additional Work:

- Meth Housing Task Force – ensuring voice of the child is a part of conversation
- Community Coalition Against Violence
- Systems of Care – wraparound support system for children and families
- State Level – Early Learning Advisory Council
- Statewide Summit