

## Community Planning Team Meeting Rescheduled

In late August, the Community Planning Team agreed to meet periodically to review the progress of the Implementation Workgroups and to offer advice to the workgroup members.

The next meeting had been tentatively scheduled for December 14th, but has been moved to **January 17th, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM** in the first floor Discover Room at the Heritage Center in downtown Springfield. Breakfast and registration will be from 7:30 to 8:00; the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 AM.

Workgroups involved in the earliest aspects of implementing new programming in the following areas will report to their progress to the CPT.

- ⇒ Increasing parental involvement in schools, especially in middle school.
- ⇒ Increasing parental involvement in schools, in elementary school.
- ⇒ Improving age-appropriate discipline through Parent Child Interaction Therapy.
- ⇒ Increasing the number of mortgage holders who seek help earlier in the delinquency/foreclosure process.
- ⇒ Providing an obesity intervention program to adolescents and their parents, which includes both nutritional and physical activity components.
- ⇒ Raising public awareness of the importance of the birth to three years in a child's development.
- ⇒ Developing a community indicators database within Clark County.

This meeting has been extended to give CPT members and others the chance to participate in a Community Practice Model Session focusing on School Success in our Community, led by Dr. Dave Julian of Ohio State University's Center for Learning Excellence. (see box below)

**Please plan to attend and respond by January 12th to Linda Carlton at 327-1990 or by email to Kim Fish at [kimfish1@yahoo.com](mailto:kimfish1@yahoo.com).**

## We welcome your participation!

Each Implementation Workgroup has a lead person who can let you know how you can contribute:

Parental Involvement — Middle School, focused on Springfield City Schools. Contact Barb Wise, [blwise@spr.k12.oh.us](mailto:blwise@spr.k12.oh.us)

Parental Involvement—Elementary Schools, Clark County Schools. Contact Pam Meermans, [pmeermans@rockinghorsecenter.org](mailto:pmeermans@rockinghorsecenter.org)

Parent Child Interaction Therapy, contact Sue Fralick, [sue.fralick@mhscc.com](mailto:sue.fralick@mhscc.com)

Public Awareness of Birth to Three Services  
Diane VanAuker, [dvanuker@ccchd.com](mailto:dvanuker@ccchd.com)

Reducing Foreclosures through early intervention with delinquent mortgages. Contact Nancy Flinchbaugh; [nflinchbaugh@ci.springfield.oh.us](mailto:nflinchbaugh@ci.springfield.oh.us)

Addressing Adolescent Obesity. Contact Judy Andrews, [jandrews@ccchd.com](mailto:jandrews@ccchd.com) or Woody Cornette, [ymceceo@springfield-ymca.com](mailto:ymceceo@springfield-ymca.com)

Creating a Clark County Indicator Database, Doug Lineberger, [dlineberger@uwccc.org](mailto:dlineberger@uwccc.org)

*We will be assembling these workgroup leaders into an executive committee to facilitate sharing of process-related challenges and successes!*

**CLARK COUNTY'S NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.....**was identified as Improving "School Success" and many people, organizations, and agencies are funding and working on this priority. How are we doing? How do we inter-relate? Where do you fit in?

Join us on January 17th as Dr. Dave Julian guides us through a Community Practice Session during which we will work together to create a picture of how our community is addressing School Success. We are pleased to present this opportunity to local funders, educators, social service agencies, and non-profits, and all those whose work in Clark County is dependent upon the education of our children.



## Lunch and Learn Sessions to Be Scheduled



During the PFS Planning Year we moved through several concepts very quickly as we sought to “model” this community-wide planning process. As we did, we realized that some concepts were not well understood throughout the community. Unless we remedy that, it is unlikely that a wide range of people can remain integrally involved in planning and implementation.

As a result, we are planning “Lunch and Learn” sessions to cover the following topics:

**Risk Factors, Protective Factors, and Developmental Assets** — What are they, and how can you apply these research-based concepts to help guide the work of people and programs working on Positive Youth Development.

**Positive Youth Development Programs** — Learn how, and why, to use a research-based checklist to make sure your program has a high chance of success.

**Evaluation: Guiding Your Program or Agency on the Path to Rigorous Evaluation**— How to make sure your program has appropriate data collection “designed-in” to facilitate evaluation and improvement.

These sessions will be scheduled in late winter and early spring—watch this newsletter or check our website for more information as it becomes available. Additional topics may be added based on attendee interest.

## What's Involved in Implementation in Partnerships for Success?

### **Implementation has begun!**

The second year of this two-year, grant funded process requires that Strategic Initiatives are thoroughly described so that implementation is as successful as possible. This requires the group to:

- o Construct a logic model to articulate how their work will directly influence the outcome they seek;
- o Compile an detailed plan of the steps, people, and other resources involved in implementing the initiative; and
- o Define the parameters for evaluation of success and data collection needs before the initiative begins.

Workgroups are now developing their implementation plans, their outcomes evaluations plan, and their social marketing plans

Much of the work of implementation is in developing these brief documents—the process is guiding each group through rigorous discussion and often more research, which ultimately produces a detailed “roadmap” to putting new programming in place.

Each of these plans is being developed using the worksheets and other resources of the PfS Academy, which is part of Ohio State University’s Center for Learning Excellence. Blank templates for the implementation plan and the outcomes evaluation plan are available, in Word Format, on our website, [www.clarkfamilyfirst.org](http://www.clarkfamilyfirst.org). If you have questions about how to adapt these templates to your particular need, call Kim at 525-6703, or Marilyn, at 327-1991

### **Adolescent Obesity Initiative Implementation is Well Underway!!**

Implementation of the Public Health Workgroup’s Initiative to address adolescent obesity is well underway. The “Fit for Tomorrow” program was designed based on a previous work done by the Rocking Horse Center and the YMCA. The program was modified by the PfS workgroup, which included representation from the American Cancer Society and the Clark County Combined Health District and then tested as a pilot program.

The pilot program included five families from all around Springfield and Dayton. Adolescents and their families have participated twice weekly for nine weeks in an exercise program developed and run by the YMCA and nutrition education by Rocking Horse Center practitioners. All exercise/nutrition modules and evaluation tools have been pulled from existing evidenced-based national programs.

The next “Fit For Tomorrow” Full Family 12-week program is scheduled to begin January 9 and run through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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and much more.....

Information about the many other ini-  
tiatives of the Family and Children  
First Council and many relevant links!

**Clark Countians Attend Positive Youth Development Seminar**

On November 30th, Dr. Dennis Embry, a nationally known expert in youth development addressed a conference in Columbus. As a Pfs County, we were invited to attend, and we shared that invitation with many people who are working with youth in Clark County. We were thrilled that Clark County was well –represented. Marilyn Demma and Kim Fish were joined by Lori Lambert, from Buckeye Trails Girls Scouts, Jeff Collins, from the Children's Rescue Center, Barb Wise from Community Mercy Health Partners serving Kiefer Alternative School. Dr. Embry shared information about how adolescent and teen brains react to common situations, and presented a variety of easy and inexpensive "kernels" of evidence-based approaches which can be implemented in a variety of settings.

We will continue to share these opportunities to learn and interact on a state-wide level as they occur. If you know someone who might be interested in future meetings, please contact Kim or Marilyn so that we may add them to our email list of contacts!



Partnerships for Success is supported by several people who are willing to help you at almost any time.

**If you have questions, call a member of the Core Team:**

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**Pfs Funding Partners**

- Alcohol Drug Mental Health Board
- Center City Association
- City of Springfield
- Clark County Combined Health District
- Clark County Commission
- Clark County Dept. of Jobs and Family Services
- Clark County Family and Children First Council
- Della Selsor Trust
- Nehemiah Foundation
- Springfield Clark County Chamber of Commerce
- Springfield Foundation
- Turner Foundation
- United Way of Clark and Champaign Counties



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