

# King County Kinship Collaboration Full Group Meeting

Sept 14, 2009

**Present:**

Lynell Owens, Atlantic St.  
Crystal Lyons, Odessa Brown  
Terri Stewart, Harborview  
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Laticia Williams, DSHS-DLR/OFCL  
Marsha Roos, Caregiver  
Nikole Penman, VCCC  
Opal Hopper, Caregiver  
Bryan Jacobs, Big Brother Big Sisters  
Olivia Cacchione, Big Brother Big Sisters  
Betty Taylor, Caregiver/Federal Way Group  
Kerry Beymer, Encompass  
Jillian Regal, Big Brother Big Sisters  
Gregg Townsend, Senior Services

Kristie Lund, Casey Family Programs  
Terri Stewart, Harborview  
Fai Mathews, Caregiver  
Cynthia Green, RAYS  
Katheryn Flake, Rainer Beach  
Shirlee Garrett, Caregiver  
Helen Sawyer, Kinship Navigator  
Indiana Allen, Caregiver  
Paula Steinke, Child Care Resources  
Pat Seay, DSHS- CS  
Celeste Carey, CFSF  
Deanna Grace, DSHS-DCFS  
D'Artagnan Caliman, Casey Family Programs

*Staff:*

Barb Wiley, KCKC Program Coordinator  
Brittany Blue, KCKC Admin Assistant

## Announcements

- School supplies are available through Celeste Carey. If you know of anyone in need please have them contact her at [pace@cfsf.net](mailto:pace@cfsf.net) or by phone at 253-307-8105
- The Medicaid program is now replacing their paper coupons with plastic cards. The cards will serve as clients permanent medical coupon. They will no longer be issued a new card each month.
- Please send all giving requests for Toys for Tots to Betty Taylor's attention at [BJHWell@yahoo.com](mailto:BJHWell@yahoo.com). Please be sure to send thank you cards to the organization for all their efforts and hard work to make this resource available year after year with limited supplies. If you have supplies (paper, pens, etc.) you would like to donate please coordinate with Betty on this as well.
- Federal Way Support Group has new site space starting Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> located at Kings Court Apartments & community Center. They will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 12:30-2pm. It is located at S. 333<sup>rd</sup> St. and 22<sup>nd</sup> Lane S. in Federal Way. For more information call Nikole Penman @ 253-250-4415 or Carol Jones @ 253-946-0506

## Resource Presentation

### College Success Foundation- Alexia Everett

**College Bound** is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and it guarantees college tuition for 4yrs at a WA state college plus \$500 annually for books. To be eligible you must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Be eligible for or receive free or reduced lunch
2. Are a foster youth (regardless of income)
3. receive TANF
4. Meet the family income requirements

You must apply by June 30<sup>th</sup> of your 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. You can apply online at [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound) or request an application by phone at 1-888-535-0747.

### Governors' Scholarship

Approximately 40 scholars are selected each year from eligible WA State high school seniors. To be eligible you must graduate with a minimum 2.0 GPA. The scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and are awarded based on selected school and non-cognitive variable scoring of applications. For more information contact Steve Thorndill at 425-416-2009 or via email [sthorndill@collegesuccessfoundation.org](mailto:sthorndill@collegesuccessfoundation.org).

**YMCA Black Achievers Program** is a program for 60 high school seniors and/or juniors. It's a nine week program that offers Saturday classes to help scholars get their whole portfolio together for college including FAFSA application.

**Leadership 1000** applications are available Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and due May 1<sup>st</sup>. It's a program where donors give \$5000 a year for 4yrs and it is structured to be a scholarship mentoring program for low-income families.

If a youth comes into kinship guardianship at 15+ and are not yet over 18 and in placement for at least 30 days than they are eligible for the ETP 5000 and independent living program for more information on this and other resources go to the website: [www.independence.wa.gov](http://www.independence.wa.gov)

NELA.net is another good organization that helps with financial aid, college placement, scholarships, etc. They are located at the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and Jackson.

For more information on any of the resources above please go to the Student Resource Section of our website: [www.collegesuccessfoundation.org](http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org)

## Committee Reports

### Event Committee- July 25<sup>th</sup> BBQ - Kristie Lund

- The BBQ was a huge success. We served over 133 families. Partnering with the State this year served to be very helpful and beneficial.
- The meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Casey Family Programs from 2:30-4:30. It's important that people make it to the next meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>, so we can begin to plan for the upcoming Holiday Party.

### **Steering Committee/Advisory Council - Kerry Beemer**

- Our next Advisory Council Meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup> @ Encompass at 12pm. Lunch will be provided.

### **Pilot Site - Lynell Owens**

- It is now back up and running, hurray!! Lynell Owens, of Atlantic St. Center is the new program coordinator and will be running a drop in center from Tuesday to Thursday for families who can not make the every other Tuesday “Lunch and Learns from 12-3. The upcoming schedule is as follows:
  - October 13<sup>th</sup> Legal Options with Paul McVicker
  - October 27<sup>th</sup> Parenting Tools for Kinship Caregivers with Rose Wallace-Croon

### **Navigation Program- Gregory Townsend**

- We are serving a lot of families. Over 150 families have been served in one month.
- The gift card process is intended for non foster CPS families. They are not eligible for emergency funds based on state guidelines. Some families were served in the past by mistake and the mistake can not happen anymore.
- Support group leaders need to be clear in letting families know the guidelines and criteria. We will work at providing re-training and updates to leaders.
- A certain amount of information has to be asked for data collection purposes.
- Children are eligible for funds through 18 yrs or age as long as they are in school.
- This program can not be looked at as on-going assistance and is not supposed to be more than one time per year. It is a group effort and we deal with rent, food, utility, etc in an emergency situation.

### **Legislative Update**

- Funds for Kinship care were not reduced by the legislature. If you have not already done so, thanking your legislators for their commitment to kinship care would be great!
- The Kinship Oversight Committee is in the process of establishing priorities for the 2010 session
- Naturally, items that have a cost will be put on hold until the budget climate changes.
- Please remember that your involvement with the legislative process can and does make a difference.

*Next Meeting October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 12:30pm-2:30pm*